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## Inside Twin Rivers Exploration's Seismic Survey Operation

*Amanda Rink, Editor*  
Under the hot Iowa sun and beside the sweating corn, I joined part of the Twin Rivers Exploration team just west of Goldfield, as they carried out seismic testing along Highway 3. Supervisor Betty Ellis was also present.

Leading the effort was Kyle Handy, a landman with Twin Rivers, alongside Robert Beal, project manager from Vantage Geophysical Corporation. When asked about the biggest hazard of their work, Beal didn't mention the high-tech equipment or heavy trucks, instead, he pointed to the speeding traffic.

Wright County sits at the center of a growing effort to locate and extract natural hydrogen, a potentially game-changing clean energy source. Twin Rivers, one of several companies involved in this effort, is betting big on the area's underground potential.

Beyond land value, or mineral right payouts, which Handy described as "highly material" in an earlier statement to The Wright County Monitor, a hydrogen operation could mean long-term job creation and infrastructure development.

The workday for the "shaker truck" began late, around 3:30 p.m., but the operation was already busy. Along the ditch of the

highway, workers placed small, GPS-equipped nodes called geophones just inches into the soil. These geophones would soon record the vibrations produced by the seismic truck.

But the truck is only part of the operation.

A few yards ahead of it is Mike Kline, the technician responsible for monitoring PPV (peak particle velocity) the maximum level of ground movement allowed before testing must stop. If his meter hits 0.5 PPV, operations stop immediately until it's safe to continue. Most things, footsteps, passing trucks, don't register, but trains do.

Mike isn't employed by



County Supervisor Ellis walks the roadside ditch west of Highway 3. Orange flags mark where seismic nodes have been tucked into the soil, small signals in a much bigger search for underground hydrogen. (Photos: Amanda Rink)



A single node sits in the dirt while the seismic truck begins to rumble in the background.

## Wright County Supervisors Approve Opioid Action, Tables Representative, Eyes Road Use Protections

*Amanda Rink, Editor*

July 28, 2025 - The Wright County Board of Supervisors met Monday to address a full agenda that included tabling a decision on ISAC voting delegates, approving participation in a national opioid settlement, and discussing seismic testing impacts from Twin Rivers Exploration.

The board also reviewed storm-related road damage, which is causing bridge delays, and continued research into a potential severance tax related to future hydrogen pipeline development.

The board opened with a discussion that would designate Wright County's voting representatives for the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC). The purpose of ISAC is to maintain cooperation between counties and county officials. Designees study local problems and find ways to solve them, along with promoting legislation that is most beneficial to the citizens of Iowa.

Concerns from the Supervisors were raised over whether two people listed, one no longer employed by the county and one who may be ineligible, were appropriate selections. The board voted to table the resolution until additional information could be gathered.

Supervisors then approved participation in the Purdue Pharma L.P. national opioid litigation settlement and designated Wright County Auditor Amanda Meyer to sign the necessary documents.

The county had received guidance from representatives through the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC), but the discussion among the Supervisors made clear that the legal documentation was complicated. With confirmation that County Attorney Eric Simonson had reviewed the materials, the board moved forward with approval.

Supervisors also heard updates from Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons about ongoing seismic testing by the company Twin Rivers Exploration. As reported by The Wright County Monitor, the company is conducting vibratory testing along Highway 3, Highway 69, Highway 17, and extending onto several gravel routes.

Concerns from Clemons and the Supervisors centered on the impact of ground vibrations on drainage tiles, culverts, and county infrastructure.

Clemons is exploring potential amendments to

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## Area Headlines

### Belmond

Since May, Belmond has received about 18 inches of rain, according to recent local reports. At the latest city council meeting, a public works official shared that the town's flood management system is holding up, thanks in part to the city's efforts to keep storm drains clear of debris.

### Dows

Tragedy struck early Sunday morning, July 20, when a driver died after crashing into a grain elevator in Dows. The Iowa State Patrol is continuing to investigate the incident.

### Eagle Grove

Eagle Grove High School is one of many districts to roll out a new cell phone policy for the upcoming school year. Under the new rule, students will need to keep their phones put away from "bell to bell," with use allowed only between classes. While some staff members had pushed for an all-day ban, the school board decided on a more balanced approach. Superintendent Toliver noted that many parents provide phones to stay in touch with their children, especially in emergencies.

### Goldfield

On Monday, July 21, a gas leak in Goldfield caused an emergency response after a grounds crew nicked the pipe. While some residents were evacuated, others were asked to shelter in place. The community center was opened to provide temporary shelter for those affected.

### Hampton

During RAGBRAI's stop in Latimer on July 23, the Franklin REC team handed out nearly 5,000 popsicles to riders, a cool and welcome treat for cyclists making their way through the heat.

### Rowan

The Iowa River Players in Rowan have successfully raised \$80,000 toward a new roof for the local theater, a major milestone for the community arts group.



On Friday, July 25th, First Citizens Bank hosted its annual customer appreciation lunch. The bank staff served walking tacos and finished off with cookies for dessert. (Photo: Katie Rink)



CGD Talented and Gifted students had the unique opportunity to visit the Rockefeller Center in New York City on Monday, July 28, 2025. Students spoke with hosts, most notably Al Roker and Dylan Dreyer. This visit was only one of many highlights the students experienced during their trip to The Big Apple! (Photo: Tanja Jensen)



Check out the Wright County Fair Section in the August 6th Monitor

## Seismic Survey Operation continued from page 1



Mike keeps a close watch on his PPV meter, the small screen acting like a traffic light for the entire operation. If the ground shakes too much, he's the one who calls it off.

Twin Rivers or Vantage. He works for a third-party firm, Integrated Geotechnical Solutions, to ensure unbiased compliance with safety thresholds. All the data he collects is forwarded to Twin Rivers for interpretation.

This collaborative effort involves four entities: Koloma (the exploration rights holder), Twin Rivers (the local operator), Vantage Geophysical (handling field testing), and Integrated Geotechnical Solutions (compliance monitoring).

While I was on the jobsite, 65 nodes were shaken, with 638 nodes placed for the entire day.

So how does it work?

The seismic truck uses a heavy steel plate, sometimes rubber, but always covered with particle board, that drops to the ground and begins vibrating, sending waves through the subsurface. It's brief, just a few seconds, and produces vibrations not unlike those from a passing semi.

I did not see the surface, like loose rock, moving while I was present.

As the waves travel underground, they bounce off different layers of rock and soil. These reflections are captured by the nodes, which convert the vibrations into electrical signals, data that will later be transformed into a 3D map of the underground structure.

Twin Rivers is specifically looking for formations shaped like inverted bowls, geological traps that may hold natural hydrogen.

Robert Beal explained that seismic testing isn't limited to energy exploration. "We also help farmers locate field tile or assist engineers in understanding soil stability before construction," he said. Vantage Geophysical has been operating for over a decade and, according to Beal, has never caused damage to drainage systems, though he shared that he has never worked in an area with tile as dense as Wright County.

That density has caused friction. Initially, Twin Rivers and Wright County agreed to a 250-foot buffer from county assets. Later, the company requested to reduce the distance to 50 feet, hoping to improve their scans. County officials did not reduce the setback.

For now, seismic testing is taking place along state highways unless private landowners agree to testing on their property. The operation is expected to continue for several more weeks.

## Asbe Retires from Wright County Charitable Foundation

The Wright County Charitable Foundation Board celebrated Duane Asbe at a recent meeting for his years of service and dedication to the organization. Asbe has served as part of the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) since its inception in 2004. He spent the first seven years on the Board, and the next 13 years as the Endowment Development Director. He recently announced his retirement. His last day will be Thursday, July 31, 2025.

Asbe joined WCCF at the invitation of then Wright County Economic Development Director Dennis Bowman. Bowman had been asked by the Wright County Board of Supervisors to establish a tax-exempt community foundation or community affiliate organization in order to receive state gaming funds to be distributed to local charitable organizations. After months of planning, forming a partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, and developing a full Board, WCCF was able to present their first grants totaling \$32,432 to ten (10) organization in 2006.

Endowment building has played an important role in continuing the growth of



The Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) Board showed their appreciation to Endowment Development Director Duane Asbe at their July meeting. The Board thanked Asbe for his twenty (20) years of dedication to the organization as he heads into retirement. Pictured above are WCCF President Lennea Groom (left) and Duane Asbe (right).

these funds over the years. "This is to help maintain and preserve the transfer of wealth in Wright County so that we can enhance the future good of the county," explained Asbe in an earlier interview.

To achieve this, there are a variety of giving methods that have been designed.

• Outright gifts are used in the annual grant-making process or to build the Endowment.

• A bequest from an estate

can be made as a lasting legacy of your support of Wright County.

• Donor Advised Endowments go directly into the donor's account to be given to a charity of their choice at a later date.

• Specially planned gifts can also be developed.

All donations are eligible for Endow Iowa Tax Credits of 25 percent. WCCF currently has 38 separate endowments under their umbrella totaling nearly

\$3.5 million. If you would like more information on supporting Wright County betterment projects through WCCF, you are encouraged to contact Board President Lennea Groom. Darrel Steven Carlyle has been named the interim Endowment Development Director. Wright County Charitable Foundation "Enriching lives in Wright County" 115 North Main Street Clarion, Iowa 50525 Phone: (515) 532-6422

## Supervisors continued from page 1

Wright County's road use agreement, including the establishment of an escrow account to cover potential damages. Supervisors and Clemons agreed that protecting local taxpayers from extra costs remains the priority.

Further discussion included engineering comparisons between seismic vibratory equipment and standard asphalt rollers. Clemons plans to reach out to state experts, universities, and industry contacts for more information on those comparisons.

Supervisor Betty Ellis shared ongoing efforts to research a severance tax credit that might benefit counties like Wright in the event of future hydrogen pipeline development.

Though the Iowa Department of Revenue has information gaps, Ellis noted that Webster County has a framework in place, though no funds have yet been received. She also shared these details with State Representative Mark Thompson, encouraging legislative awareness.

In other road updates:

- Crews are waiting for water levels to recede before they can resume dirt work and finish the east and west approaches for two bridge projects.
- Six additional hauling routes were completed last week, along with 16 work orders.
- FEMA-related gravel hauling and ditch clean-

up efforts have continued, with shoulder material stockpiled for work on the east side of the county. The Board of Supervisors will meet again on Monday, August 4, at 9:00 A.M. This meeting and past meetings can be viewed online at youtube.com/wrightcountyiowaofficial8312.

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- Clarion – Sat, 9-Noon
- Riceville – Sat, 9-11
- Mason City – Sat, 9-Noon
- Osage – Thu, 3:30-5:30
- Clear Lake – Sat, 9-Noon
- St. Ansgar – Thu, 4-5:30
- Buffalo Center – Tue, 4-6
- Forest City – Thu, 3-5:30
- Stacyville – Tue, 4:30-6:30
- Hampton – Tue & Fri, 4:30-6:30
- Kossuth County – Sat 9-11 & Wed 3-5
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# reading between the lines

with Amanda Rink

## 18 Summers, 108 Weekends, and the Gym

*Amanda Rink, Editor*  
 “Your children will become who you are, so be who you want them to be.” - David Bly

I’ve seen this thing floating around the internet, the idea that you only get 18 summers with your kids. Just 216 summer weekends.

But if you’re a parent who shares custody, like my husband and I, that number gets cut in half. About 108 weekends in 18 years.

And when you stop to really think about all the time you don’t get with your child... Well, it can feel more bitter than sweet to realize their final summer at home is coming to an end.

That’s where I’m at this week. My oldest, Arianna, heads off to college soon. (Go Tritons!)

We’ve done a pretty good job soaking up summer together, even with her work

schedule. She had to miss our family vacation this year because of her job, but we’ve made sure to find other adventures, and those little adventures have a way of reminding me what life is really about.

There’s something absolutely magical about getting the kids together, strapping on helmets, and taking the four-wheelers for a ride. Or watching them splash in the water on a lazy summer afternoon.

It’s wild, and honestly, pretty cool, to see how quickly they grow, physically, emotionally, and mentally, when you just get to be with them.

It’s like those one-on-one summer moments let them grow faster than they do when they’re juggling school, sports, and everyday life.

Don’t get me wrong, I’m excited for my kids to get back into their school routines. I think structure is important, we love our teachers, and school is a great place for them to learn and thrive.

But I’ll miss them at home. Especially the oldest, she won’t come back after eight hours of learning. She’ll go back to her dorm, or to work... maybe cheer practice or out with friends. She will have a complete life separate from us.

It’ll feel like a small missing piece. I’ll feel every day until winter break, when she may come back to stay awhile. So lately, I’ve been making a point to take every chance I can for extra one-on-one time, including letting her tag along on my daily gym trips.

At first, it felt like I was giving up my only quiet time. But I quickly realized she’s more like me than I remembered. She likes the quiet, too. She doesn’t feel the need to fill the silence with conversation the way her siblings do.

And don’t get me wrong, I love both of those qualities in all my kids. But when you’re aiming for peace, it’s nice when that peace continues. She gets it.

I’ve also realized she keeps me motivated, a kind of motivation that really defines parenting entirely.

It’s not just the push to keep up with her at the gym (which, I’m proud to say, I can).

It’s the days I don’t feel like getting up and going... but then she asks, “Are we meeting at the gym after work?” And just like that, I go. Because she’s going. Because I don’t want her to feel awkward walking in alone.

So I show up for her. And in the process, I end up showing up for myself, too.

And maybe that’s the whole point of parenting: not just raising humans who are stronger, kinder, and better than you are or were at their age... but becoming better yourself, too. Better for them.

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## In The Sky During August\* David Voigts

August will be an interesting month in the sky. For the first time in a long time, the evening sky will be almost devoid of planets. Mars will be a dying ember that will soon be lost in the twilight glow, and Saturn will not come into view until the late evening. With the absence of planets, it is a good time to visit the bright stars of summer. To make sure that we get our bearings, we will start with the Big Dipper. During August, it will hang diagonally in the northwestern sky. The front two stars of the bowl, called the Pointer Stars, point out the top of the bowl to Polaris, the North Star, about three fists to their right.

One you have north established, turn left and face west. The brightest star there is Arcturus in the constellation Bootes (the Herdsman). I like to call Bootes the “Farmer in the Sky” because in Greek mythology, he was placed in the sky as a reward for inventing the plow. Arcturus is a orangish colored red giant that is swelling up as it reaches the end of its life. Its color is subtle and is best seen by comparing its color with other stars. If you look below or to the lower left of Arcturus as soon as it is dark, it can be compared to blueish-white Spica, the brightest star in Virgo (the Maiden).

Now turn and face east. High overhead will be Vega in the constellation Lyra (the Harp). Vega is a massive blueish-white star that is much more luminous

and much hotter than the Sun. It is the top of the Summer Triangle of three bright stars that is in the sky all summer. Below or to the lower left of Vega is Deneb in the constellation Cygnus (the Swan). It is a white supergiant that is very massive, very hot, and very luminous star that is reaching the end of its life. It does not look extremely bright because it is very far from Earth – about 1,800 lightyears. Farther to Vega’s lower right is Altair in the constellation Aquila (the Eagle). Altair is a young white star that is about twice the size of our Sun, but is much more luminous.

Finally turn and face south. Look low in the sky for bright, reddish Antares in the constellation Scorpius (the Scorpion). Antares is translated as “rival of Ares (Mars)” because its red color closely matches that of Mars. Antares is a huge red supergiant that is reaching the end of its life. Its end-of-life throes have caused it to swell up to a massive size. If its center was at the center of the Sun, its outer reaches would extend to the asteroid belt. When Antares is at its highest and the sky is dark, the glowing band of the Milky Way will be at its best. It will rise up from Scorpius and Sagittarius (the Archer), immediately to its left, and pass high overhead and through the Summer Triangle before descending to the northern horizon near the “E” shaped constellation Cassiopeia (the Queen).

**Observing Highlights Aug.3** The Moon will be to close below Antares, the

bright red heart of Scorpius (the Scorpion).

**Aug. 11** Brilliant Venus and very bright Jupiter will pass each other in the predawn sky. Jupiter will be getting higher in the sky each day while Venus gets lower. They will be almost as close on the morning of the 12th.

**Aug. 12** The Perseid meteor shower will peak tonight and especially after midnight. Unfortunately, the bright Moon will obscure many meteors. They may be seen all over the sky, but they will seem to come from the northeastern sky near the constellation Perseus (the Hero). If you are observing, try to hide the Moon behind a building or tree.

**Aug. 26** The Moon will be to the left or lower left of Mars and to the lower right of Spica, the brightest star in Virgo (the Maiden) as night falls.

**Aug. 27** The Moon will be to the left of Spica, which represents a spike of wheat in the hand of Virgo (the Maiden).

**Aug. 30** Star Party sponsored by Grout Museum & Black Hawk Astronomy Club, Prairie Grove Park, Waterloo, 9-10:30.

The Moon will be to the lower right of Antares, the brightest star in Scorpius (the Scorpion). On the 31st, the Moon will have moved to its left, and will be to the lower left of Antares. This will be the second time during August that the Moon has visited Antares. Since the Moon orbits the Earth in 27.3 days, it can pass the same star twice in a month.

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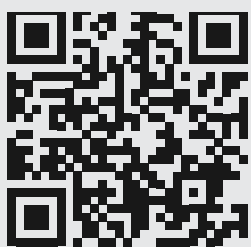
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Ben Detwiler hoped to make the world a better place. That hope died when he was killed by a drunk driver.

What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk? Whatever you have to. Friends don't let friends drive drunk.

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**Wright County Democrats**

The County Democrats are meeting on Tuesday, August 26, at 6:30 at the Clarion Public Library in their Community Room.

This is a change of venue. We will be participating in the Dows Corn Days Parade on August 2nd. We will meet at the garage

around the corner of 204 N Tracy. Wear your blue. This will be the last parade event.

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## Courthouse news

### Births

Brooks McCoy Nieman was born on July 1, 2025, to Abigail and Nicholas Nieman of Leland.

Austin Jackson Burt was born on July 1, 2025, to Lexie Breitsprecher of Forest City.

Abigail Jean Collier was born on July 1, 2025, to Jessica and Cody Collier of Latimer.

Josiah James Collier was born on July 1, 2025, to Jessica and Cody Collier of Latimer.

Atlas Linn Arndt was born on July 1, 2025, to Felicia Bredeson of Mason City.

Robbie Gene Brinkman was born on July 2, 2025, to Randi Welch of Stratford.

Gemma Gianna Studer was born on July 2, 2025, to Amanda and Richard Studer of Wesley.

Havyn Mary Askelsen was born on July 2, 2025, to Shelby and Dane Askelsen of Clarion.

Phoenix Jacob Johnson was born on July 2, 2025, to Rachael and Navan Johnson of Clarion.

Beckham T. Meyers was born on July 3, 2025, to Shelby and Matthew Meyers of Clear Lake.

Emersyn Kelly Nieman was born on July 3, 2025, to Brandi and Isaac Nieman of Kanawha.

Clara Marie Staudt was born on July 4, 2025, to Carlee and Christian Staudt of Kanawha.

Luke Daniel Eden was born on July 4, 2025, to Nicole and Jacob Eden of Garner.

Malakai David Resh was born on July 5, 2025, to Hannah Resh of Eagle Grove.

Ansel Yahir Gonzalez Ordonez was born on July 5, 2025, to Aguedita Ordonez Tevalan of Meservey.

Memphis Rilee White was born on July 6, 2025, to Michelle and Martin White of Badger.

Ace Paxton Frascht was born on July 6, 2025, to Hayley Frascht of Garner.

Peel (female) was born on July 6, 2025, to Danielle and Nathaniel Peel of Alden.

Harper Diane Marie Haag was born on July 7, 2025, to Brooklynn Graff of Mason City.

Keller Brooks Monson was born on July 7, 2025, to Jessica and Zachary Monson of Clear Lake.

Lottie Thea Rose Bass was born on July 8, 2025, to Johanna Martinez-Calderon of Mason City.

Troy Medlock III was born on July 8, 2025, to Mariah Perez of Mason City.

Arlo Anthony Ure was born on July 8, 2025, to Shadie McMullen of Fort Dodge.

Abigail Ortiz Ramirez was born on July 9, 2025, to Jazmin Ramirez Ramos of Eagle Grove.

Alex Daniel Ayfan Chan was born on July 9, 2025, to Suceydy Chan Perez of Webster City.

Theo John Bjelland was born on July 9, 2025, to Brittani and Brent Bjelland of Lake Mills.

Letti Lee Ellefson was born on July 10, 2025, to Patience Klein of Wesley.

Ares Torres was born on July 10, 2025, to Ashley Fregoso of Britt.

Charles Daniel Smith Jr. was born on July 10, 2025, to Danajua Judon of Mason City.

Ava Dawn Frye was born on July 11, 2025, to Samantha Vit of Webster City.

Jacinto Alexander Corio Matom was born on July 12, 2025, to Margarita Matom Perez of Webster City.

Tori Renee Teepee was born on July 12, 2025, to Keisha Hardy of Mason City.

Elaina Beth Thompson was born on July 14, 2025, to Carissa and Jesse Thompson of Garner.

### Deaths

Barbara Ann Maggard (Lonsinger) of Clarion was born on June 10, 1944, and died on June 14, 2025, at the age of 81.

Claire Patricia Cape (Kirkland) of Belmont was born on March 19, 1961, and died on June 19, 2025, at the age of 64.

Timothy S. Plend

of Dows was born on September 11, 1952, and died on June 27, 2025, at the age of 72.

Philip George Mayo of Belmont was born on November 23, 1963, and died on July 13, 2025, at the age of 61.

### Marriage

Trevor Soma, 27, of Belmont, was wed to Madison Dahm, 25, of Belmont, on July 4, 2025.

Nathan Stuck, 22, of Dows, was wed to Hannah Larson, 33, of Webster City, on July 2, 2025.

### Property Transfers

Warranty Deed-Town Lot - Zigrang Robert J, Zigrang Lisa M to Ballard Wanda Louise - EG Scott's Highland Park Addn Blk 5 Lot 6 E 63' and W 8' and W 8' Alley, EG Scott's Highland Park Addn Blk 5 Lot 5 E 63' of S 1/2 & W 8' Alley, Zigrang Robert 000013261004787435; 25-1100.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot - Coyle Jerad L, Coyle Heather to Pantti Martin Santos Leandro, Martin Pantti Santos Leandro - Belm Barry's Addn Blk 2 Lot 6; 25-1106.

Stephens Dennis H to Jakama Holdings LLC - Gold Orig Addn Blk 26 Lot 7 Cetrer 1/3, Stephens to Jakama Holdings LLC 000022861004788065; Related Documents: 24-1564 02-004 Contracts - Town Lot; 25-111.

Quit Claim Deed- Land Deed - Highnam Diane to Knutson Joan - 10-90-26 SW Tract; 25-1113.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot - Radechel Scott C, Radechel Kristin L to Reyna Diaz Arturo, Diaz Reyna Arturo, Salazar Ruiz Mayra L, Ruiz Salazar Mayra L - Gold Orig Addn Blk 28 Lot 7, Gold Orig Addn Blk 28 Lot 8; 25-1114.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot - Etter Carolyn M to Sesker Wayne S, Esker Sharon A - Clar Wormley's Addn Blk 2 Lot 3', Woodley to Woodley Trust 000032991004790512; 25-1118.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot - Woodley Gary D, Woodley Sally L to Woodley Gary D Trustee, Woodley Sally L Trustee, Woodley Gary D Revocable Trust, Woodley Sally L Revocable Trust, Gary D Woodley and Sally L Woodley Revocable Trust, Gary D Woodley Revocable Trust, Sally L Woodley Revocable Trust - Clar Orig Addn Blk 2 Lot 6 Except N 2', Woodley to Woodley Trust 000032991004790512; 25-1118.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot - Anderson David E Trustee, Anderson Cynthia S Trustee, Anderson David E Living Trust, David E Anderson Living Trust to Toliver Jess, Toliver Tiffini - 30-91-25 SE Tracts in E 1/2 Exc Parcel B; Related Documents GWH1120 56-001 Groundwater Hazard; 25-1120.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds - Amonson Kyle D, Amonson Diane to Jakama Holdings LLC - EG Hewett's Third Addn Blk B Lot 3 Except N 25' and N 1/2 Vac Aly, Amonson To Jakama Holding's LLC 000014534004793409; 25-1128.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds - Anderson Janell M Trustee, Dodge NP JR Trustee, Dodge NP JR Trust, NP Dodge JR Trust, National Equity Inc Trust, National Equity Inc to Caviness Brent J, Caviness Bryana L - 28-91-26 SE Tract in Outlot 8 NE 1/4, B. Caviness 000026349004793625; 25-1131.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot - Lunda Robert A to Andrade Flores Lina, Flores Andrade Lina - EG Wright's 3rd Addn Blk 29 Lot 4, EG Cox's Addn Blk 6 Lot 8, EG Wright's 2nd Addn Blk F Lot 6 Part, EG Wright's 2nd Addn Blk F Lot 7 Part, Deed in Satisfaction of Contract; Related Documents - 21-2746 02-004 Contracts - Town Lot; 25-1136.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot - Bjorklund Tara to Rivera Ruiz Nelson R, Ruiz Rivera Nelson R - Gold Liberty Addn Blk 11 Lot 4, Bjorklund Rivera

000011241004795178; 25-1137.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot - Hansen Phyllis I Trustee, Hansen Phyllis I Revocable Trust, Phyllis I Hansen Revocable Trust to Chamberlin Ryan M, Chamberlain Rachel M - EG SW 2nd St Extension Addn Lot 6, Phyllis I Hansen Trust 000013261004795480; 25-1139.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot - Linn Derrick L to Bjorklund Tara M - Gold Liberty Addn Blk 1 Lot 5, Linn to Bjorklund 000019129004795671; 25-1141.

Quit Claim Deed - Land Deed - Menenga Duane G to Menenga Duane G Trust, Duane G Menenga Trust, Menenga Duane G Trust - 11-93-23 NE N 32 AC of SW 1/4, 11-93-23 N 32 AC of SE 1/4, 11-93-23 NE N 1/2, 19639-1 Menenga Trust (2) 000006673004796687; 25-1145.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot - Numa Property Management LLC to Nisland Asset Investment LLC - Belm Tri-Ad Development 1st Addn Blk 1 Lot 11, SWD 907 Belmont 000017419004797825; 25-1149.

Affidavittransfer - Larsen Brandi to Larsen Larry - EG Hewett's Lake Park Addn Blk 3 Lot 12 S 60' of N 110' & Tract, EG Hewett's Lake Park Addn Blk 3 Lot 13 S 60' of N 110' & Tract,

EG Hewett's Lake Park Addn Blk 3 Lot 14 S 60' of N 110' & Tract, EG Hewett's Lake Park Addn Blk 3 Lot 15 S 60' of N 110' & Tract, Aff of Surviving spouse for change of title; 25-1135.

### Criminal

State Of Iowa Vs Renner, Riley Jon Possession Of A Controlled Substance - Marijuana 1st Offense, Serious Misdemeanor. Defendant Pled Guilty And Was Fined \$430 And Ordered To Pay \$100 In Court Costs And Sentenced To 1 Year Of Probation.

### Civil

ATWOOD RENTALS V NICOLE ISAACSON. Judgement for the plaintiff

for a 12 x 24 lofted barn garage and 12 x 32 garage, if same is to be had and if such personalty is not to be had plaintiff can recover the sum of \$15,309.25, value of said property with interest from 7/24/25 and in any event the costs of this action.

### Small Claims

MIDLAND CREDIT VS. TIFFANY A IMIG. Judgement for the plaintiff in the amount of \$1431.38 with 6.08% interest from 05/27/25 plus \$95 in court costs.

LVNV FUNDING VS KYLE SCHMAUSS. Judgement for the plaintiff in the amount of \$1042.78, less payments of \$61.00 plus costs and interest at the statutory rate per annum from 07/23/25 plus \$95 in court costs.

### Tickets

Nelson chase Steven of Humboldt, IA, depositing or throwing Litter on highway.

Castorena Hernandez Jessica Alida of Belmont, IA, fail to obey stop sign and yield right of WA.

Patzan Samol Gustavo Adolfo of Dows, IA, no valid drivers license.

Kinley Anthony Lawrence of Des Moines, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Soesbe Ian of Clarion, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Goltz Clement of Klemme, IA, operation without registration card or plate.

Allen LaWanna of Benton, AR, speeding OVR 55 zone (21 or over).

Moy Scott Douglas of Silver Lake, MN, speeding OVR 55 zone (11 thru15 over).

McMillen Jeramy Lynn of Des Moines, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Dishman Rhonda Renea of Ankeny, IA, failure to provide proof of financial Liabili.

McMillen Jeramy Lynn of Des Moines, IA, registration violation.

Barrera Romero Bryan Edilfer of Clarion, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (11

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## Legal notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE Wright County Supervisors July 14, 2025 Minutes

**July 14, 2025**  
The Board of Supervisors met as Drainage District Trustees. To view the minutes from the drainage meeting, see the Drainage District minutes on the County website.

Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:58 a.m. Members present were Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis with Kluss present via telephone.

Motion by Loux and seconded by Kluss to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of July 7, 2025 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

In open forum, Jerry Meier discussed the 12 to 15 dead trees in the road ditch west out of Eagle Grove on both the north and south side of the road. Meier also discussed the gravel road on 270th Street that is narrowing to 20 feet from 30 feet. He was told it would be 25 feet wide and now that it is down to 20 feet, it is very dangerous. Jeremy Abbas, Assistant to the Wright County Engineer, states that their office is going by what the DOT states with the amount of traffic there is. Meier would like more room on the driveways to be able to pull out with semi-trucks and Abbas stated they will get something put together for that on that road.

Herb Schreuer also spoke in open forum about utilizing the Courthouse Yard on July 14, 2026. Auditor Meyer stated that he will need to contact Andrew Yackie, Buildings and Grounds Director, to fill out an application.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to receive the quarterly revenue report from the Wright County Auditor. Motion carries.

Motion by Bosch and seconded

by Loux to receive the quarterly revenue report from the Wright County Recorder. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Loux to receive the semi-annual report from the Wright County Treasurer. Motion carries.

Tonee Nicholas, Wright County Assessor, presented the Homestead Tax Credit applications, 65+ Homestead Exemption applications, Disabled Veteran Homestead Property Tax Credit applications, and Military Service Property Tax Exemption Application to allow or disallow. These were due July 1st and are for the 2025 Valuations payable in 2026 – 2027 fiscal year. Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to allow or disallow the applications as the Assessor has recommended on the exemptions. Motion carries.

Abbas presented the Iowa DOT Detour Agreement for a bridge replacement that will happen on Highway 3 between Ida and Jackson Avenue. Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to approve the Iowa DOT agreement for project BRF-003-4(45)-38-99. Motion carries.

Abbas gave an updated map of the additions to the Seismic Testing. This will still need to follow the 250 foot setback as stated in the agreement.

Abbas gave an update on the Secondary Roads Department. Rasmussen congratulated Andrew Yackie for 15 years and Tiffon Pohlman to 5 years of service to Wright County.

Motion by Bosch and seconded by Ellis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Rick Rasmussen, Chairman, Wright County Board of Supervisors Amanda Meyer, Wright County Auditor

### PUBLIC NOTICE CGD FY25 Gross Wages

#### CLARION GOLDFIELD DOWS CSD

#### FY25 GROSS WAGES

Employee Name...	Gross Earnings
Ackerman, David	6,428.95
Alberts, Berta	12,996.17
Anderson, Dillon	4,950.00
Anderson, Melissa	17,403.46
Anderson, Rebecca	51,879.23
Anderson, Steven	4,391.15
Arrowood, Kara	50,756.69
Askelsen, Jennifer	71,582.43
Barz, Jason	4,078.93
Beisel, Tamara	2,761.41
Bell, Tally	22,867.75
Benton, Rhonda	554.75
Berning, Jason	75,679.98
Bierl, Darren	32,957.26
Bonanno, Carolyn	24,397.46
Boyd, Michael	4,121.00
Brooks, Lauren	580.45
Brooks, Shannon	51,241.13
Bruley, Dennis	50,953.87
Carder, Jared	110,886.61
Carpenter, Amanda	58,751.32
Carpenter, Brenda	71,972.40
Carrillo, Daisy	30,638.49
Carroll, Chloe	57,353.39
Chapman, Raejean	38,320.38
Charison, Angie	83,363.09
Charison, Austin	2,060.50
Chavez Ayala, Maria	33,925.34
Chipman, Timothy	81,824.45
Christians, Brookelyn	60,671.70
Clay, Alayna	3,300.00
Coldiron, Deborah	27,852.05
Coldiron, Linda	5,038.92
Coldiron, Scott	58,449.30
Coleman, Jill	11,649.75
Conlon, Nicole	1,000.00
Cook, Jordan	9,630.72
Corrow, Jeannette	65,869.56
Curley, Helen	22,525.35
Curry, Kara	16,834.64
Curry, Warren	8,475.98
Dahlgren, Whitney	62,979.35
Dahlke, Jon	75,251.70
Davis, Nancy	12,956.26
Deutsch, Leah	61,939.73
Dorage, Andrew	3,300.00
Downing, Kaira	58,559.47
Downing, Ronnie	4,680.00
Draves, Gale	20,576.22
Duncalf, Jordyce	1,201.02
Eekhoff, Denise	28,285.53
Ellis, Pamela	24,705.59
Erickson Fiscus, Megan	71,785.76
Fitzgerald, Peggy	77,695.76
Foster-Thomas, Christen	53,809.60
Foust-Staples, Shanda	59,730.33
Friesleben, Alison	72,777.86

Friesleben, Dane	9,775.60
Friesleben, Jeffrey	95,737.42
Friesleben, Sydney	6,441.16
Frink, Angie	23,121.22
Frye, Anita	92,948.67
Funnell, Sylvia	1,488.75
Gangstead, Mikaela	980.84
Gangstead, Sandra	1,009.62
Garcia Antonio, Angela	3,300.00
Garstecki, Barbara	60,774.48
Godby, Teresa	69,346.45
Gomez, Emma	4,620.00
Granzow, Joseph	78,651.72
Greenfield, Denis	72,743.69
Hackley, Terry	49,482.44
Hall, Jal	62,015.48
Halverson, Erin	72,630.03
Hansch, Paul	140,353.88
Hansen, Melissa	27,657.64
Harker, Monty	77,308.76
Harms, Lyndi	56,351.30
Harrison, Daniel	42,852.21
Hauenstein, Kyle	63,358.28
Heeren, JalyN	48,184.92
Herrera, Jose	66,516.79
Herrera, Myrna	32,946.07
Herrington, Michael	7,350.00
Hinton, Conleda	1,006.76
Holmes, Logan	62,801.72
Homeyer, Victoria	11,920.57
Hoversten, Virginia	25,540.11
Huntley, Deanna	846.00
Huntley, Olivia	317.00
Jaacks, Donna	1,142.39
Jensen, Tanja	79,116.48
Johnson, Donna	16,008.50
Johnson, Gloria	569.14
Johnson, Indy	2,846.68
Johnson, Jody	25,956.42
Johnson, Karianne	32,249.94
Kakacek, Sarah	76,520.77
Kakacek, Tristan	3,473.78
Karbula-Edge, Mary	58,992.02
Katz, Ansley	60,342.85
Katz, Kevin	94,721.77
Katz, Ruth	57,789.78
Katz, Taylor	68,158.73
Kellog, Kayla	5,842.10
Konlon, Jay	87,668.57
Klaver, Julie	73,678.52
Klaver, Thomas	69,079.68
Koellig, John	11,540.40
Krenitow, Jennifer	1,109.50
Lambert, Zoe	253.18
Langflitt, Amanda	23,204.62
Lantzyk, Angela	3,469.50
Lantzyk, Brandon	81,064.08
LaRue, Boyd	26,416.45
LaRue, Mary	15,983.04
LaRue, Wanda	29,282.32
Lehman, Scott	46,023.63
Leichsenring, Christine	3,645.50

Leichsenring, Monte	8,363.20
Leist, Shannon	71,733.39
Lienemann, Loren	71,533.10
Lindaman, Benjamin	78,206.45
Lindaman, Bryce	4,563.70
Lindaman, Erica	53,211.99
Lingenfelter, Megan	61,749.27
Lingenfelter, Newton	3,300.00
Lund, Kimberly	26,296.77
Lutcavish, Kendra	25,787.46
Maasdam, Jenny	11,378.54
Mabe, Laurie	24,323.59
Martin, Jane	9,333.93
Martinez, Mateo	33,012.93
McNealy, Hayley	47,997.38
McNulty, Kathleen	26,177.56
McVay, Jessica	15,417.92
Medina, Mercedes	9,002.31
Meinke, Miriam	382.50
Meldrem, Gary	33,077.82
Meyer, Jeffrey	90,956.59
Middleton, Amanda	90,636.67
Miller, Ashton	22,731.33
Miller, Marla	28,953.93
Moore, Kristina	62,610.46
Morrical, Erin	70,964.08
Morris, Amanda	

## Commentary - Where are the journalists?

Dave Busiek,  
Dave Busiek on Media

If it seems like the local news you read and watch doesn't cover the breadth of issues, and doesn't cover them as well as they used to, you're not imagining it. A new study details a shocking decline in the number of journalists covering local news today, compared to 20 years ago.

In 2002, there were an average of 40 local journalists per 100,000 U.S. residents. In 2025, that number fell to 8.2 local journalists per 100,000 residents. That huge drop off means we aren't getting the coverage of school boards, city councils and boards of supervisors that we used to.

The study is a collaboration between two organizations, Muck Rack and Rebuild Local News. Muck Rack is a company that connects public relations professionals with journalists. Rebuild Local News is a non-profit advocating for public policies to strengthen local news coverage around the country.

**The study has some stunning conclusions.**

- There are 1,000 counties in the United States, fully one-third of all counties, that don't have one local journalist.
- The decline doesn't affect only rural areas. There are significant declines in some of America's biggest cities, too. The study shows Iowa, although suffering a huge decline in numbers of journalists, is not nearly as bad as many other states.
- Some of the least-covered areas are fast-growing counties adjacent to big metro areas. That's true in Iowa, too, which I'll show below.

We've been reading for years about layoffs in the news industry, but the study concludes "the data shows that the nation has a shortage of local journalists that is more severe and more widespread than previously thought."

**Some interesting Iowa numbers:**

- Statewide in 2002, there were 44 journalists per

100,000 residents. Today, that number is 14, less than one-third the number two decades ago. That won't come as a surprise to anyone running a local newsroom, and it won't come as a surprise to you, either. We simply don't get the sustained coverage of local decision-makers like we used to. There are no longer "beat" reporters covering city hall, the school board and the board of supervisors. That results in citizens who aren't as well-informed as they used to be, particularly when they go to vote.

- Still, Iowa's 14 journalists per 100,000 residents is enough to rank us 10<sup>th</sup> best out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. It's not good here, but it's worse most other places.
- The Iowa county with the most journalists for its population is Fayette County, up in northeast Iowa with the towns of West Union and Oelwein.
- The Iowa county in last place with the fewest journalists per residents is Pocahontas County in north-central Iowa.

- Iowa's largest county, Polk, which 20 years ago had 297 journalists per 100,000 residents, now has 35 per 100,000.
- As I mentioned above, fast-growing counties near metro areas have some of the most deficient local news coverage. That's true for Dallas County, one of the fastest growing counties in the country. It has only 2.9 local journalists per 100,000 residents. Des Moines-based reporters might get to Dallas County, but only for certain kinds of stories. As the study says about these counties in general, "Murders might get covered; school board meetings, don't hold your breath."

**What's it mean for you, for journalism, and for America?**

What's it all mean for you, the discerning news consumer? It means you're not as informed as you used to be. You're simply not getting the depth of coverage that you used to. It means you must work a little harder to find out what's really going on in your community. Subscribe to the local paper if you can, watch the news, but also read digital news products like Iowa Capital Dispatch, Axios Des Moines and Substack columns that meet your needs.

For an old-school journalist like me, these numbers are depressing. It means there are fewer genuine content providers knocking on doors and digging into documents at city hall. There is way too much repackaging of news that comes from other sources — like those TV news stories I see in Des Moines all the time that come from Cedar Rapids or Sioux City. Those are time-fillers, but don't really affect the lives of central Iowa viewers.

What's it all mean for society? To fill the information vacuum, people are forced to get information from social media, where conspiracy theories thrive and misinformation abounds. In my view, this is a major reason why we have too many Americans voting for the truly incompetent people running our country right now. If Americans were better armed with facts, they wouldn't buy the lies the Trump administration spews 24 hours a day.

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## Religious Organizations Prohibited from Northwest School

Robin Opsahl,  
Iowa Capital Dispatch

A northwest Iowa school district has agreed to prohibit religious organizations from holding events at schools after receiving a complaint about a Christian group holding National Day of Prayer celebrations on school grounds.

The Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF), a nonprofit organization advocating for the separation of church and state and for nonreligious people, sent a letter to the Le Mars Community School District in June about a local religious group holding events on public school grounds on May 1.

May 1 is celebrated as the "National Day of Prayer" by some Christians, in Iowa, several religious organizations as well as officials like Gov. Kim Reynolds have hosted and participated in National Day of Prayer celebrations throughout the state.

One of those celebrations in 2025 in Le Mars took place at the Le Mars Community Middle and High Schools. On May 1, the "National Day of Prayer" Facebook page for Le Mars made a post saying that their members "had the joy of partnering with the Le Mars Youth Network" for the celebration at the Le Mars schools.

"Students were welcomed with donuts, breakfast burritos, orange juice, and hot cocoa—and more importantly, with open hearts and listening ears," the post stated. "We took time to connect with students and asked them how we could be praying for them. It was a meaningful morning of ministry and encouragement. Join us as we continue to lift up the next generation in prayer."

The social media post featured images showing adults with the religious organization on school grounds. Side by Side Ministries, the organization listed as a contact point on the Facebook page for the local National Day

of Prayer group, did not respond to a request for comment.

Sammi Lawrence, an attorney with the FFRF, said a person alerted their organization about this post. The FFRF contacted the school district with a complaint letter after receiving the information, she said, to notify the school asking them to cease allowing religious organizations to hold events and proselytize students on school grounds.

At the event, adults outside the school system had come to the public schools and "were encouraging students to pray and trying to get students to participate in the day of prayer and learn about it" — actions Lawrence said could be "constitutionally problematic."

"Public schools ... shouldn't be giving outside adults, outside groups, special access to students on schools ground to tell students about their religious message, to try to get them to join their religious groups, or anything like that," Lawrence said. "Because the First Amendment gives students the right to be free from religious indoctrination in their public schools. And that includes preventing schools from inviting or letting religious groups like this onto campus for the purpose of trying to recruit or proselytize students."

In the letter to Le Mars Community School District, Lawrence wrote it is "well-settled law that public schools may not show favoritism toward, nor promote or coerce belief in religion" — and that a public school allowing outside religious representatives onto school grounds for the purpose of promoting their religious beliefs violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment in the U.S. Constitution. The Establishment Clause prohibits the government from establishing or giving preferential treatment to

any religion.

In response to the complaint from FFRF, Rachel Fritz, an attorney representing the Le Mars district, responded with a letter stating that the school district communicated with members of the local National Day of Prayer group, instructing them "not to facilitate or lead in any prayer or devotional activities involving students on District property."

The letter also stated the district has taken "appropriate steps to ensure that any prayer activities occurring on school grounds are entirely student-led or student-initiated, in full compliance with applicable legal standards, including the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment."

The school district did not respond to a request for comment.

Lawrence said her organization receives multiple complaints related to the National Day of Prayer each year. Even when organizations like the Le Mars National Day of Prayer group have "good intentions" in trying to hold events at public schools, she said, these events can create difficult situations for students who are not Christian.

"When students who are atheist or agnostic, or who are just simply a faith other than Christian, come to school and see a Christian group being allowed on campus and proselytizing and encouraging prayer, that doesn't make them feel good — that just makes everyone who doesn't believe in that feel like an outsider, feel like they're not really part of the community," Lawrence said. "And there's just, there's no need for that. Really, everyone is better off when schools just stay out of the religion business."

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## Local Food Needed as Food Access Programs Strained

Rural communities pride themselves on stepping up to help neighbors. As summer gardens and food farms move into the prime season with favorite crops like tomatoes, broccoli, peppers, sweet corn, and melons, gardeners and local food producers are invited to consider sharing the bounty of the season with neighbors facing food insecurity.

Encouraging local growers to consider product donations to local food pantries is especially important as the landscape around food access, an identified priority in North Iowa, is facing new and emerging pressures.

The 2024-2026 North Iowa Community Health Assessment identifies food access as one of the top three health priorities. Feeding America reports that more than 385,000 Iowans — more than 10 percent of our state population — face food insecurity and that figure is rising in every county. This spring, the federal government announced deep funding cuts to a key program that provides funds to food banks as well as to two programs that have supported food access while also supporting regional

food system development. The recently passed "Big Beautiful Bill", will reduce SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) — the nation's most important anti-hunger program — by \$187 billion over the next ten years, the largest funding cut in the history of the program. This is nearly 20% of the program's budget. The impact is expected to strain the ability for existing food assistance systems to meet the growing demand for food.

Gardeners and local food growers have an important role to play, helping to fill a gap left in the wake of these policy decisions.

The North Iowa Food & Community Care Network (NIFCCN), an all-volunteer network of food pantries, community resource providers, and food system partners from across Wright and neighboring counties, is inviting local gardeners and food farmers to meet with local food pantry representatives. All scales of production are invited, whether you are growing product in your backyard or at a community garden, are a small- or large-scale commercial producer.

Gardeners & Local Food Farmers: Needed to Help Feed the Community will be held Thursday, July 31, 1-2 pm by Zoom. To register for this meeting, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/F7BZteYQDi30wg2QD3CVw>

Getting locally grown, fresh products to those who need it requires good and clear communication between the growers and food pantries. Producers need to assess what products they have in excess that they can consider donating. At the same time, food pantries need to share their schedule, refrigerator capacity and outline what products work best for their distribution patterns.

Meeting the need for healthy food in our communities is something everyone can agree is important. Strengthening the connection between fresh, locally grown food and neighbors in need during this growing season is an important approach to add to the existing food pantry and other food access resources.

For more information, contact [libbey.jan@gmail.com](mailto:libbey.jan@gmail.com)

## Carlin running for U.S Senate

Republican U.S. Senate candidate Jim Carlin is making it plain: America's crisis isn't about the people — it's about the people running the country.

In a powerful new campaign message, Carlin speaks directly to Iowa voters:

"You know, America's in trouble — not because of the people, but because of the people running it. For years, Washington has been in bed with billionaires, corporate monopolies, and foreign interests — and you are the one paying the price. They've rigged our housing markets so young families can't buy a home. They've hijacked our healthcare

system so you pay more and get less. They've federalized student loans and buried our kids in debt. And while you struggle to get by, they tell you inflation is no big deal — because for them, it's not. This isn't just bad leadership. It's corruption. And it's time we cleaned house.

I'm Jim Carlin. I'm not taking their money. I don't owe them a thing. I'm running to clean up Washington — to fight for families, for workers, for seniors, for young Americans.

We don't have to live under this broken system. We can fix it. But we've got to stand up, together. Join

me. Let's take the trash out — and give this country back to the people it belongs to."

Carlin, a state senator known for forcing the passage of Iowa's Heartbeat Bill, exposing veteran care scandals, and championing property tax relief for seniors, says the political establishment has betrayed working Americans.

An unapologetic supporter of President Trump, Carlin is rallying Iowans to join a movement to return government to the people—fighting for working families, seniors, veterans, and young Americans burdened by federal overreach.

## Courthouse news continued from page 5

thru 15 over).

Nickles Lashanna Tanna of Polk City, IA, operation without registration card or plate.

Augustin Pedro Gerardo of Eagle Grove, IA, dark window or windshield.

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Olson Dorlan Earl of Renwick, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Daniels Danielle Marie of Belmont, IA, dark window or windshield.

Awe Jason Lee of Clear Lake, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (1 thru 5 over).

Wilkinson Anthony Scott of Belmont, IA, windshield and window requirements.

Wilkinson Anthony Scott of Belmont, IA, defective or unauthorized muffler system.

Buller Isaac Nicholas of Slater, IA, speeding OVR 55 zone (11 thru 15 over).

Coats Adam William of West Des Moines, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Pacheco Martinez Itzel Victoria of Hampton, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (21 or over).

Baker Jodi Marie of Norwalk, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Alvarez Santis Everardo de Jesus of Clarion, IA, no valid drivers license.

Johnson Jean Kay of Dakota City, IA, vessel — registration violation.

Lerssen Paul Donald of Manning, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (21 or over).

Powell Vernon Allan of Fort Dodge, IA, unsafe passing.

Ixcopal Melvin Ardany of Webster City, IA, turning at intersections.

Ixcopal Melvin Ardany of Webster City, IA, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Nelson Josh K. of Belmont, IA, operation without registration.

Matul Jose Vicente of Clarion, no, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Dudney Lizzie Mae of Humboldt, IA, excessive speed 20 mph over, \$5.00 each mile.

Quintanilla Pena Nayelhi Marcyelo of Eagle Grove, IA, no drivers license.

Palma Mejia Ronis Jose of Eagle Grove, IA, no drivers license.

Augustin Pedro, Gerardo of Eagle Grove, IA, Dus — driving while license denied, suspended, canceled.

Olson, Dorlan Earl of Renwick, IA, Dus — driving while license denied, suspended, canceled.

Coon, Jordan Michael of Thor, IA, Dus — driving while license denied, suspended, canceled.

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## Church news

### CLARION AREA

**CLARION FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
201 3rd Ave. NE, Clarion, IA 50525  
Pastor Craig Luttrell  
515-532-2845  
website: www.clarion.church  
Church Office  
Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon  
• Sunday, August 3  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
• Sunday, August 10  
9:00 a.m. Family Event  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA**  
420 1st St NW, Clarion, IA 515-532-3440  
www.firslutheranclarion.com  
"YOU are love, YOU belong, YOU are called, and YOU are gifted"  
• 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL**  
121 3rd Avenue N.W., Clarion  
• Sunday, August 3  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
420 North Main, Clarion  
Pastor Warren Curry  
515-532-3273  
http://clarionchurchofchrist.weebly.com  
Facebook Clarion Church of Christ  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship, also live each Sunday on Facebook  
6:00 a.m. Tuesday Iron Man, Fellowship Hall, Church Building  
10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Weekly Prayer Time Fellowship Hall, Church Building  
Ongoing Bible Studies – times and locations vary; check for more information at the church office week.  
**Brief worship services at Lake Cornelia return for six weeks in the summer on Sunday, June 29. The 8 a.m. service time is held in the open air shelter on the north side of the lake; and continue each Sunday morning through August 3. The event is sponsored annually by the Clarion Church of Christ. For more information, contact the church – 1-515-532-3273.**

**ST. JOHN CATHOLIC**  
608 2nd Ave. N.E., Clarion  
Father Jerry W. Blake, Pastor  
515-532-3586  
• Wednesday, July 30  
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis, Belmont  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmont  
• Thursday, July 31  
11:40 a.m. Rosary at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
• Friday, August 1  
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John, Clarion  
8:00 a.m. Mass, A/B at St. John, Clarion  
7:00 p.m. Rosary at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
• Saturday, August 2  
Food Pantry  
SCRIP Cards Sold  
3:15 p.m. A/B at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
4:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
7:15 p.m. A/B at St. John, Clarion  
8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John, Clarion  
• Sunday, August 3  
Food Pantry  
SCRIP Cards Sold  
7:15 a.m. A/B at St. John, Clarion  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John,

Clarion  
9:45 a.m. A/B at St. Francis, Belmont  
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmont  
• Monday August 4  
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis, Belmont  
1:00 p.m. Cluster Social Justice Meeting at St. John, Clarion  
6:30 p.m. OCIA Meeting at St. John, Clarion  
• Tuesday, August 5  
9:00 a.m. Guild Meeting at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
• Wednesday, August 6  
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis, Belmont  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmont  
• Thursday, August 7  
11:40 a.m. Rosary at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
6:30 p.m. Clarion Faith Formation Committee Meeting at St. John, Clarion

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
219 First Street N.W. Clarion 515-532-2709  
• Sunday, August 3 Ryan Basinger will be leading the service  
• Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
• Sunday 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class  
• Wednesdays 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
• Saturdays 8:00 a.m. Men's Group

**THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Dana Wendel, Pastor  
1010 2nd Street SW; Clarion 515-293-3003  
FREE Dinner will be on the first Sunday of the month.  
• Sunday  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
• Tuesday  
11:00 a.m. Prayer Time  
• Iglesia del Nazareno  
6:00 p.m. Sabado  
6:00 p.m. Domingo  
Lay Minister Mynor  
515-851-9699  
Bienvenidos

### GOLDFIELD AREA

**Rejoice Church: A Word and Spirit Church**  
Pastors Cris and Jennifer Decious  
Sunday worship 10:30 am  
www.Rejoicechurchiowa.com or watch us on facebook  
NEW LOCATION! We will begin IN PERSON WORSHIP services starting on DECEMBER 1, 2024 in our home worship room at 3320 210th St. Goldfield, IA 50542

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
220 E. Oak St., Goldfield, IA 50542  
515-825-3581  
goldfield.upc@gmail.com  
Facebook@goldpres  
"A Church for the Community"  
Office M-F 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
• Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Goldfield  
Pastor Ron Rasmussen  
• Sunday, August 3  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Fellowship Coffee in the Fellowship Room.  
No Sunday School



**GOLDFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
P.O. Box 214  
515-825-3754  
Pastor: Lay Leaders from the United Methodist Church  
We welcome all!  
Our mission is to help serve others!  
• Sunday Services  
11:00 a.m. Worship time

**HOLMES LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2139 Hancock Ave, Holmes, Iowa  
HolmesLutheran@gmail.com  
• Sunday, August 3  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
Guest Pastor: Ron Wik from WI  
10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

**HOLMES BAPTIST CHURCH**  
2137 Hancock Avenue  
Pastor Cody Huber  
515-825-3110  
• Sundays  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, 5 p.m. Evening Service  
• Wednesdays  
Prayer Meeting, youth group, kids club (1st – 6th grades – during school year)

**WRIGHT CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
1730 130th Street, Kanawha 641-762-3947  
• Sunday, August 3  
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Fellowship, 11 a.m. Sunday School, 6 p.m. Evening Worship

### ROWAN AREA

**UNITED CHURCH OF ROWAN**  
Pastor Nancy Hofmeister  
811 Pesch St., Box 38, Rowan  
• Sundays  
10:00 a.m. Worship

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Missouri Synod  
Jct. Highway 69 & 3  
Pastor Mark Eichler  
• Sunday, August 3  
10:30 a.m. Divine Services,  
11:45 a.m. Bible Study

### DOWS AREA

**SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH**  
109 N. Eskridge St., Dows  
Dows / www.sgdows.com  
Doug Holmes, Pastor  
• Sunday, July 27  
10:15 a.m. Sunday school, Coffee, 11:15 a.m. Worship at First Presbyterian in Dows

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Dows, IA  
Masking is option  
• Sunday, August 3  
9:00 a.m. Worship

**UNITED METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN**  
• Sunday, August 3  
10 a.m. Dows Joint Worship at Untied Methodist

**FIRST REFORMED**  
214 Brown St., Alexander  
• Sundays  
9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

**IMMANUEL U.C.C.**  
204 E. South St., Latimer  
Joe Dunnwald  
• Sunday, August 3  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN**  
304 W. Main, Latimer  
Travis Berg, Pastor  
• Sunday, August 3  
9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. ABC/Sunday School

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Morgan, Lee Center, Bradford  
Erling Shultz, Pastor  
• Sunday, August 3  
8:30 a.m. Worship (B), 9:30 a.m. Worship (LC), 10:30 a.m. Worship (M)

**MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH**  
3rd & Lake Streets, Blairsburg, IA 50034  
• Sundays  
8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Café is open serving donuts, smoothies and coffee beverages

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Nursery available for children up to age 2  
10:00 a.m. Kids Church for children 2 years to grade 5  
• Wednesday  
5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Café Open  
6:30 p.m. Youth  
6:30 p.m. Kids Club for children grades 1-5

**NAZARETH LUTHERAN**  
Coulter  
Pastors Tom Dettmer and Stanley Peterson  
• Sunday, August 3  
9:30a.m. Joint Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion, Coffee to follow  
• Dinner is the first Sunday of the month



## The Clarion Wire

\*\* August! How can it be August already??  
\*\* Play BINGO at the Clarion Senior Citizens Center every Friday at 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
\*\* Dows Corn Days is set for Friday - Sunday, August 1 - 3! Part of its schedule: Friday afternoon - Kids Fun Day at the Dows Swimming Pool; Fireworks at the school football field at dark. Saturday kicks off with a Legion sponsored breakfast and fun ride; parade at 10 a.m.; followed by lots of food and activities at its down town park; enjoy a hypnotist beginning at 7 p.m. Ecumenical Church Services concludes the celebration at 10 a.m. at the shelter.  
\*\* Enjoy Farmers' Markets in Clarion every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. This year on the east side of courthouse - in Courthouse Parking Lot! Garden produce is picking up numbers; also crafts; honey, etc..  
\*\* Early Sunday morning worship services at Lake Cornelia, continue this summer, beginning at 8 a.m. Open air shelter; sponsored by Clarion Church of Christ. Last one for the year on August 3!  
\*\* "Easy Going Senior Exercises" at the Clarion Senior Citizens Center every Monday and Thursday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Play Mahjong at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays!  
\*\* "Homegrown: Find Your Roots" celebration in downtown Clarion on Monday, August 4 from 6 - 8 p.m.  
\*\* Wow! CGD School Registration already? Tuesday, August 5 from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Wednesday, August 6 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. CGD high school; use the front entrance! Students in the JMC system can register on line.  
\*\* 500 card players: Now play '500' each Wednesday at Clarion's Senior Citizens Center; both men and women. Always from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
\*\* Golden Apple committee is severely depleted. Gone from a nine person committee to three. Unable to offer a Golden Apple Award during the 2024-2025 year due to this sudden loss of membership/leadership. Need members to continue; typically three meetings a year. Tally nominations; award a winner. Contact Tammie Beisel at tamarab@gold-

fieldaccess.net, Rhonda Benton at rhondabenton7@gmail.com, or Syl Funnell at gsfunnel@gmail.com if you or someone you know might be interested.  
\*\* It's almost here: Iowa State Fair with dates August 7 - 17 - 'Fair Sweet Fair'.  
\*\* First Lutheran Church FOOD PANTRY in Clarion, 420 - First Street N.W., is open on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, from 5 - 7 p.m. Next events are August 14 & 28!  
\*\* Prairie Homestead Power Show & Market at Jenison-Meechem grounds northeast of Belmont is set for Friday - Sunday, August 15 - 17!  
\*\* First Day of School for Clarion-Goldfield-Dows is Monday, August 25! With pre-school classes starting on September 4 & 5!  
\*\* Retired CGD staff Lunch will be held on Monday, August 25 beginning at 11 a.m.; Clarion Pizza Ranch with Bob Herbst as the jokester and entertainment!  
\*\* Play BINGO at the The Bru the 4th Tuesday of each month, this time the evening of Tuesday, August 26!  
\*\* Highway 3 Corridor Garage Sales are coming - Thursday- Saturday, August 28 - 30, as schedules allow!  
\*\* The final United Church of Rowan Rummage Sale will be held Thursday - Saturday, August 28 - 30. At the Rowan Event Center (school). Doors will be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Thursday & Friday; 8 a.m. - 2p.m. on Saturday. Lunch (pulled pork sandwiches, sloppy joes) served from 11 .m.- 1 p.m. Bake sale items available while supply lasts. (Clean out closets; bring clean, unbroken items to the school August 23 - 27 between 1 - 4 p.m.)  
\*\* AT THE CLARION THEATRE: Showing "Fantastic Four: First Steps" (PG-13) on Friday - Sunday, August 1 - 3 @ 7 p.m.; Sunday Matinee at 2:30 p.m. - August 3. (Second of 2 weeks!)  
\*\* THANK YOU: To anyone planting or caring for flowers this year! Aren't they beautiful?? Downtown planters. Pots and gardens at homes. Anyone enjoying the wildflowers on the west side of Lake Cornelia, as you drive by?? An advantage of all the rain; fun to enjoy!!!



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## Words of Wisdom

Last week's trivia questions:  
What medical drama TV series, which aired from 1994 to 2009, starred George Clooney, Anthony Edwards, Noah Wyle and Julianna Margulies as emergency room doctors and healthcare professionals at Cook County General Hospital? Answer: ER.



What war comedy-drama TV series, which aired from 1972 to 1983, starred Alan Alda and Wayne Rogers as surgeons "Hawkeye Pierce" and "Trapper" John McIntyre, Loretta Swit as nurse "Hot Lips" Hoolihan, Gary Burghoff as clerk "Radar" O'Reilly, and Jamie Farr as orderly "Klinger"? Answer: M\*A\*S\*H.  
\*\*\*\*\*

This week's trivia questions:  
What 1986 war movie, starring Tom Cruise, depicts the story of a young soldier who becomes paralyzed in Vietnam, and later becomes an anti-war activist?  
What 1998 war movie set in France during World War II, tells the story of a group of U.S. soldiers, who go on a mission to locate a paratrooper and bring him home safely, after his three brothers have been killed in action?  
What war movie, released in 2000, stars Mel Gibson as Benjamin Martin, a farmer who leads a militia during the American Revolution?  
\*\*\*\*\*

July 30 is International Day of Friendship, National Cheesecake Day, and World Snorkeling Day; July 31 is Lifeguard Appreciation Day, and World Ranger Day; Aug. 1 is Homemade Pie Day, and International Beer Day; Aug. 2 is National Ice Cream Sandwich Day, National Disc Golf Day, and Sandcastle Day; Aug. 3 is National Watermelon Day, and National Sisters Day; Aug. 4 is National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day, and U.S. Coast Guard Birthday; Aug. 5 is National Oyster Day.  
\*\*\*\*\*

"In war, there is no prize for the runner-up."  
- General Omar N. Bradley  
\*\*\*\*\*

"We sleep safely at night because rough men stand ready to visit violence on those who would harm us."  
- Winston Churchill  
\*\*\*\*\*

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."  
- G.K. Chesterton  
\*\*\*\*\*

"A general is just as good or just as bad as the troops under his command make him."  
- General George S. Patton Jr.  
\*\*\*\*\*

"The only easy day was yesterday."  
- Navy SEALs Motto  
\*\*\*\*\*

When the TV show M\*A\*S\*H premiered in 1972, the ratings were so low that CBS considered canceling the show entirely. Instead, CBS moved it to Saturday nights for Season 2, where it followed "All in the Family", one of the highest-rated shows at the time. With the improved time slot, M\*A\*S\*H saw a significant bump in ratings, enough to keep it going.  
\*\*\*\*\*

The most-watched TV episode of all time is the series finale of M\*A\*S\*H, titled "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen," which aired on Feb. 28, 1983. The episode had approximately 110 million viewers, which was around 77 percent of all people watching TV in the U.S. that night.  
\*\*\*\*\*

## Savor a summer fruit salad



Even as summer winds down, there tends to be plenty of time to reap the rewards of backyard gardens and warm-weather entertaining. Refreshing salads are favored at such gatherings, and the interesting pairing of peaches and tomatoes makes the most of these fruits when they're at their peak. Sweet and savory flavors combine in this recipe for "Peachy Tomato Salad" courtesy of "The Mediterranean Diet Cookbook" (Rockridge University Press). This delicious side pairs best with grilled fare..

### Peachy Tomato Salad

- Serves 2
- 2 ripe peaches, pitted and sliced into wedges
  - 2 ripe tomatoes, cut into wedges
  - 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
  - Sea salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
  - 3 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Toss the peaches, tomatoes and red onion in a large bowl. Season to taste. Add the olive oil and lemon juice, and gently toss. Serve at room temperature.

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## Obituary

### Fred Allen Mullenax 1938-2025

A celebration for Fred Allen Mullenax will be held at 403 2nd St. NW, Clarion, Iowa from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on August 2, 2025.

Fred Allen Mullenax passed away at home on July 18, 2025, at the age of 86. Fred was born in West Virginia and raised in East Millsboro, Pennsylvania.

Fred resided on the East Coast with his wife Ellen and three children. Fred and Ellen moved to Iowa in 1982. Fred worked at Stronghold in Clarion until 2001 when he retired. Fred loved the ocean, swimming, traveling and music.

Fred is survived by three children David (Patty) Repass of Fort Dodge, Yvonne (Robert) Sanchez of Clarion, and Edward (Arleen) Mullenax of Clarion. Also 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Fred is preceded in death by 8 brothers and 1 sister, his parents James and Mary Mullenax, his wife Ellen Mullenax and son George Mullenax. Fred had a great sense of humor! He loved to laugh and smoke his cigars! He will be missed.



**Services: 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2  
403 2nd St. NW, Clarion**

## Monitor Memories

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE WRIGHT COUNTY MONITOR  
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### 42 Years Ago August 4, 1983

It started as a trickle during the early morning hours last Wednesday, as the first bicycle riders on the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa began to arrive in Clarion for their overnight stay here. The first riders were reported to have hit the city limits as early as 6:30 a.m.

As they arrived in town, the bikers picked up an advertiser that told them where they could find all kinds of good things to do and where to eat. Most riders did not stop long enough to chat and kept their momentum going. Some of the riders relaxed on the high school grounds after they were welcomed to Clarion. The communications bus served as an information center and bulletin board for the riders.

Melissa Lager, the daughter of John and Shirley Lager of Clarion, was all smiles as she received the congratulations from the other queen candidates moments after she was selected as the Wright County District Junior Fair Queen for 1983.

### 77 Years Ago July 29, 1948

Although county officers, deputies, clerks and patrons of the Wright county court house have had the benefits of drinking fountains on both the first and second floors for many years, this modern age brought about the invasion of another modern convenience last week when an automatic Coke dispenser was installed in the lobby of the first floor.

A crew of about 20 boys have been working on the Rock Island tracks west of Holmes the past two weeks. This entire stretch of track, a distance of about 2 1/4 miles through Holmes is being reballasted and raised about eight to 10 inches. Fifteen of these boys are from Clarion and five are from Goldfield.

To an American athlete gum is as important as his uniform. That is accepted without question by athletes and fans. So Monitor readers can appreciate to some extent the consternation which struck the American wrestlers of whom Glen Brand of Clarion is one, when they arrived in London and were unable to obtain any gum.

## Clarion Resident Named to Simmons University Dean's List

Sophia McLaughlin, Clarion resident, was named to the 2025 spring semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston.

To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system. About Simmons University

Located in the heart of Boston, Simmons is a respected private university offering nearly 50 majors and programs for undergraduate women and graduate programs open to all on campus, in blended formats, or entirely online in nursing and health sciences, liberal arts, business, communications, social work, public health, and library and information science.

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## Obituary

### Debbie Freeman 1953 - 2025

Debbie Freeman, 71, of Clarion, passed away Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Iowa Specialty Hospital after a battle with cancer. It was a battle she fought bravely, never complaining, not once.

Visitation will be Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Ewing Funeral Home, with the Rosary at 4:00pm, followed by the visitation from 5:00-7:00pm. A mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:30am at St. John's Catholic Church, Clarion.

Deborah Ann Freeman was born October 12, 1953 to Bill and Shirley Freeman. The family lived in Pocahontas, Iowa, until 1959 when they moved to Clarion. Debbie graduated from Clarion High School in 1972.

She worked for various local companies, including Cargill and Murphys, before joining the Clarion Hospital as a phone operator in 2016. She worked there until her retirement in July of 2024. She was delighted to move to the Meadows in October of 2024. She loved playing cards and was an avid card player. She was learning to play bridge and was planning to learn to play cribbage too.

She was quite a shopper



and was known for getting good deals. She loved to help people. She was still volunteering at the hospital as a guide.

She was an active member of St. John's Catholic Church and was a devout Christian. She was also a devoted daughter who took care of her mother for many years.

Those left to cherish her memory include her sister Roxy (Steve) Gadzicki, her brother Joe Freeman, niece Jana (Brian) Gosdin, nephew Jason (Michelle) Schulz, Jake and Jax Gosdin, Mason Schulz, and stepmother Rose Freeman.

She leaves behind numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and long time companion Mike Roberts.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents and sister Jonie in 1998..



Community blood centers, like LifeServe Blood Center,

collect approximately 60% of the nation's blood supply. Annually, it takes thousands of generous volunteer donors to support local hospital patients through blood donation.

Unfortunately, of the total U.S. population, 62% are eligible to donate, but only 3% donate blood each year. Often, people assume they are ineligible to donate blood because there are multiple myths surrounding blood donation.

For example:  
MYTH: I can't donate blood because I'm on medication.

FACT: Most medications do not disqualify you from donating.

MYTH: Diabetics on insulin cannot donate blood.

FACT: Diabetics on insulin can donate blood if their condition is well-managed.

MYTH: I have a tattoo, so I can't donate blood.

FACT: You can donate blood if your tattoo was done at a state-regulated tattoo shop.

Let us help you determine if you can donate blood. Together, we can truly make a lifesaving impact here locally, in our

community.

• **Clarion Community Blood Drive, 08/05/2025 from 1-5:30 PM at 219 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW, Clarion.**

Schedule a blood donation appointment online at [lifeservebloodcenter.org](https://lifeservebloodcenter.org) or by calling 800.287.4903.

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# School Registration



**Early Online Registration available now**

**Registration Days are:**  
**Tues., August 5 • 11 a.m. – 7 p.m .**  
**at the CGD High School**  
**Wed., August 6 • 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
**(please enter at front entrance)**

We have combined our efforts with JMC and RevTrak to make it possible for returning students to be registered for school and to pay student fees completely online.

**Early Registration Online available now**

If you have students who are already in the JMC system who are in good standing with fees (lunch, driver's education, preschool, technology, etc.), you will be able to register, sign permission forms and make any payments online.

**Registration Days will be:** Tuesday August 5 • 11 am – 7 pm, Wednesday, August 6 from 10 am – 1 pm at the CGD High School (enter at the front). This will be for new students, students not yet in our JMC system, or students who did not register online during early registration.

To be prepared, please make sure you know your password for logging in to the JMC parent portal. If you are not sure, contact the building secretary to set up that password.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Elementary & Middle School students will have pre-scheduled parent/student back-to-school conferences on

Freshman Orientation at 5:30 PM High School Gym

**REMINDER: Parents are reminded that they will need to sign an acceptable use policy form for all students. This form covers the terms of use for both computer equipment and internet access. It is a requirement for all students. Elementary and Middle School parents can sign the form either at registration or on the first day of school at the back-to-school conference. High School parents can sign the form at registration or send the form in during the first week of school.**

## First Day of School for all Students Monday, August 25, 2025

\*Preschool classes start on September 4 and 5.

Elementary students are requested to arrive at school no earlier than 7:45 AM

August is **Back-to-School Month**

### SCHOOL HOURS

High School..... 8:25 am – 3:25 pm  
 Middle School ..... 8:30 am – 3:20 pm  
 Elementary School ..... 8:30 am – 3:17 PM



Breakfast will be served at the high school at 7:15 am and at the elementary/middle school at 7:45 am each day  
**NO BREAKFAST SERVED ON LATE START DAYS**

**BUS SERVICE**

Bus routes will be posted at registration. If you have recently moved to the CGD School District, please call the office of the Superintendent of Schools at: 532-3423 or Transportation Director: 515-851-8355

### PRE-SCHOOL, PREP-K, KINDERGARTEN INFO

**KINDERGARTEN & PREP-KINDERGARTEN:** All students must be FIVE years of age on or before September 15, 2025 to enroll in kindergarten. Kindergarten classes meet daily, all day. Prep-Kindergarten meets daily from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
**THREE YEAR OLD PRE-SCHOOL:** All students must be THREE years of age on or before September 15, 2025 to enroll in three year old preschool. Three year old preschool meets Monday and Thursdays OR Tuesday and Friday for 2 ½ hours (12:45 pm - 3:17 pm).  
**FOUR YEAR OLD PRE-SCHOOL:** All students must be FOUR years of age on or before September 15, 2025 to enroll in four year old preschool. Four year old preschool classes meets daily for 3 hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (8:30 am-11:30 am) or (12:15 pm – 3:17 pm).  
 \*ALL 3 & 4 year old preschool parents need to attend registration to sign up for a required home visit\*  
**\*\*REMINDER: If needed bring Physical and Immunizations to the Nurse at Registration\*\***

### Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Registration Fees and Meal Prices

	Regular	Reduced	Free
Book Rent (Pre K-K)	\$50.00	\$18.00	\$0.00
Book Rent (1-5)	\$60.00	\$22.00	\$0.00
Book Rent (6-8)	\$70.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Book Rent (9-12)	\$75.00	\$27.00	\$0.00
Preschool (3Yr.) month	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Preschool (4Yr.) month	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prep K-8 Lunch per day	\$2.55	\$.40	\$0.00
PrepK-8 Breakfast per day	\$1.85	\$.30	\$0.00
9-12 Lunch per day	\$3.05	\$.40	\$0.00
9-12 Breakfast per day	\$2.05	\$.30	\$0.00
Single Milk	\$.45	\$.45	\$.45
Adult Meal per day	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adult Breakfast	\$2.35	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adult Activity Ticket	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Senior Citizen Activity Ticket	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Drivers Education	\$400.00	\$175.00	\$0.00

### STUDENT LUNCH ACCOUNTS - School Year 2025 - 2026

- Main Entree (according to USDA Meal Standards) - Served to ALL children regardless of balance.
  - Free/Reduced Students - Main Entree (according to USDA Meal Standards) is Free or Reduced. There will be a charge for seconds or any a la carte items.
  - If your student takes extra items, please keep lunch money in your account so they are able to do so.
  - If you are unable to pay your lunch balance in full, please call Rachel Stumpf at 515-532-3423 Ext 2119 or [rstumpf@clargold.org](mailto:rstumpf@clargold.org), to make a monthly payment arrangement.
- It is important to discuss taking extra food items and/or milk with your child. ALL students are charged for any extra items they take. Please deposit funds in your account to cover extra items purchased.*
- FREE & REDUCED Meal Applications may be filled out any time throughout the year. They are available at [clargold.org](http://clargold.org) or may be picked up at the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows District Office, 120 Central Ave E., Clarion, Iowa.**
- This Institution is an equal opportunity provider**

### STAFF PERSONNEL Series 400

Policy 412.12 Complimentary Tickets  
 Complimentary passes for locally scheduled school activities shall be provided all contracted school employees, board members and their spouse.  
 Tickets will not admit children and are not transferable.  
 Any board member who has served on the board of education for a minimum of four (4) years will receive a permanent complimentary pass. This pass is good for only the retiring board member. Retired board members holding pass before August 1, 2021 will be grandfathered in to include "board member and guest".  
 Employees who retire from the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows CSD with a minimum of ten (10) years of service, will receive a permanent complimentary pass. The pass is good for admission for the retiree only. Replacement of the card will be at the expense of the retiree. Retirees holding a pass before August 1, 2021 will be grandfathered in to include "Retiree and Guest".  
 Senior citizens who are 65 years of age may request a senior citizen pass at the superintendent's office for locally sponsored school activities at a discounted rate of 50% of current activity ticket cost. Tickets must be purchased each year. Senior Citizens that hold passes before August 1, 2021, will be grandfathered in. This pass is for the individual and does not include a guest.  
 The senior citizen must be a resident of the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Community School District to be eligible for receiving a pass.

### Policy 503.03: FINES - FEES - CHARGES

The board believes students should respect school district property and assist in its preservation for future use by others. Students may be assessed fines, charges, or fees for the materials needed in a course, for overdue school materials, for par4cip4ng in ac4w4es, or for misuse of school property.  
 The superintendent will inform the board of the dollar amount to be charged to students or others for fines, charges, or fees annually. Parents of students mee4ng specific financial eligibility standards will be eligible for a waiver of student fees or a reduco4n of student fees based upon the request of the parent. It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunc4on with the principal, to develop administr4ve regul4ons regarding this policy.  
 Adopted: 8/13/2024 Revised: Reviewed:  
 Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 256.7(20); 279.8; 280.10, .11; 282.6; 285.1; 301.1.  
 281 I.A.C. 18.2  
 I.C. Iowa Code Description  
 Iowa Code § 256.7 DE - Duties of State Board  
 Iowa Code § 279.8 Directors - General Rules - Bonds of Employees  
 Iowa Code § 280.10 Uniform School Requirements - Eye-protective devices  
 Iowa Code § 280.11 Uniform School Requirements - Ear Protective Devices  
 Iowa Code § 282.6 Attendance and Tuition - Tuition  
 Iowa Code § 285.1 Transportation Aid - Entitlement  
 Iowa Code § 301.1 Textbooks - Adoption, Purchase, Sale  
 I.A.C. Iowa Administrative Code Description  
 281 I.A.C. 18.2 School Fees - Policy  
 Cross References  
 Code Description  
 501.16 Homeless Children and Youth

### Policy 710.04: MEAL CHARGES

In accordance with state and federal law, the Community School District adopts the following policy to ensure school district employees, families, and students have a shared understanding of expectations regarding meal charges. The policy seeks to allow students to receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day, prevent the overt iden4fica4on of students with insufficient funds to pay for school meals, and maintain the financial integrity of the nonprofit school nutrition program.  
**Payment of Meals**  
 Students have use of a meal account. Families may add money to students accounts online through RevTrak, at the school office or at the point of sale. Students who qualify for free meals shall never be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a nega4ve balance from previous purchases. Schools are encouraged to provide a reimbursable meal to students with outstanding meal charge debt. If an alternate meal is provided, the meal must be the same meal presented in the same manner to any student requesting an alternate meal.  
**Negative Account Balances**  
 The school district will make reasonable efforts to notify families when meal account balances are low. Additionally, the school district will make reasonable efforts to collect unpaid meal charges classified as delinquent debt. The school district will coordinate communications with the student's parent or guardian to resolve the matter of unpaid charges. Parents or guardians will be notified of an outstanding negative balance once the student owes five meals or more. Parents or guardians will be notified by email or a letter will be mailed. Neg4ve balances of more than \$300.00, not paid prior to the end of the quarter will be turned over to the superintendent or superintendent's designee for collection. Options may include: collec4on agencies, small claims court, or any other legal method permitted by law.  
**Unpaid Student Meals Account**  
 The district will establish an unpaid student meals account in a school nutrition fund. Funds from private sources and funds from the district flexibility account may be deposited into the unpaid school meals account in accordance with law. Funds deposited into this account shall be used only to pay individual student meal debt.  
**Communication of the Policy**  
 The policy and supporting information regarding meal charges shall be provided in writing to:  
 • All households at or before the start of each school year;  
 • Students and families who transfer into the district, at time of transfer; and  
 • All staff responsible for enforcing any aspect of the policy.  
 Records of how and when the policy and supporting informa4on was communicated to households and staff will be retained. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop an administrative regulation for implementing this policy.

### SCHOOL MEALS 2025 - 2026

(All Students - Elementary - Middle School - High School)  
**Clarion-Goldfield-Dows CSD will be returning to the "traditional: National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program SBP).**  
**Free & Reduced Price School Meals/Milk Applications are now available on-line or at the District Office for the School Year 2025-26. Households that complete the Free & Reduced Price School Meals/Milk Application (IF ELIGIBLE) will receive meals at no charge (free) or at a reduced price. Students (NOT ELIGIBLE) will pay the student meal price as listed on our meal price schedule. If you have any questions, please contact [rstumpf@clargold.org](mailto:rstumpf@clargold.org).**

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## Getting Kids Excited about Back to School Season

A new school year presents a wealth of opportunities for students. At the dawn of a new school year, students have a chance to further their academic careers, student-athletes may be given a shot at making a team or moving up to varsity, and extracurriculars provide a chance for personal growth outside the classroom.

Despite all that a new school year represents, students may need a little extra motivation to get excited about going back to campus once summer winds down. A relaxing and largely obligation-free summer vacation can be tough to give up, as can mornings without alarm clocks. Parents recognize that kids might not be enthusiastic about the return of early mornings and sessions in the classroom. In such instances, parents can try the following strategies to get kids excited about a new school year.

- Make the first day special. First days can be challenging regardless of a person's age. Professionals with years of experience in their field still feel first-day jitters when they begin a new job, so youngsters can be excused if what seems like a lack of excitement is really just nervousness about a new school year. Parents can calm those nerves by doing something to make the first day special. Skip the standard cereal and prepare a home-cooked breakfast or let kids buy lunch at the school cafeteria instead of packing a PB&J in their lunchbox. A little something special on the first day can go a long way toward getting kids excited about going back to school.

- Emphasize new subjects. As children advance through school, they're typically exposed to more engaging subjects or challenged in ways that helps them build on

previous years' work. Emphasizing new subjects or opportunities can increase kids' excitement to get back in the school year swing of things. If a youngster likes playing an instrument, emphasize how the new school year is an opportunity to get better, play alongside other students and take a talent to new heights. If students are old enough to take subjects they've long been interested in, such as a foreign language, make a point to emphasize how that opportunity has finally arrived.

- Create a school calendar. Schools typically make their yearly schedules available prior to the first day of school. Parents can peruse those schedules alongside their children and make a calendar noting special days. Mark down field trips, special events involving parents and students, school performances where kids



get to act or sing on stage, and other notable moments during the school year. Kids are bound to grow more excited about a new year when they see a year's worth of fun events marked down on a calendar.

- Host a late summer

get-together with friends. A late-summer pool party or play date with various friends can remind youngsters that they're about to see their friends every day. That might be enough to make young

Students might be less than excited about the end of summer vacation and the dawn of a new school year. But there's much parents can do to get kids excited about going back to school.

## CGD Joins Statewide Pause for IHSAA & IGHS AU Family Week

As summer rolls toward its final stretch, athletes, coaches, and families across Iowa are taking a much-needed break. From Sunday, July 27, through Sunday, August 3, the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) and Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHS AU) are observing their annual Family Week. This is a statewide pause on all school-related athletic activities.

The goal is simple: to step back, recharge, and enjoy time with family, without the buzz of practices, workouts, or team meetings.

As in past years, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows (CGD) School District is fully on board. In fact, the district has announced that all CGD facilities

will be closed until Monday, August 4. That means no camps, no conditioning, no practices... not even team meetings.

"This week is about rest, family, and a reset," reads an online statement from CGD. "We hope you enjoy the week away!"

Family Week was first added to the state's official activities calendar in 2021. It's a mandated "non-contact" period designed to give student-athletes—and those who support them—a full week off from school sports. No coached activities are allowed, and student-athletes aren't permitted to use school facilities during this time.

The rule applies statewide and affects all high school athletes in grades 9–12, including incoming freshmen. It's enforced equally across

boys' and girls' programs, regardless of the sport.

For many families, summer can get just as hectic as the school year. Between open gyms, training sessions, travel tournaments, and more, downtime can be hard to find. Family Week serves as a formal pause, giving everyone a chance to unplug from the sports grind and reconnect at home.

It's also a chance for student-athletes to focus on rest and recovery, an important but often overlooked part of training.

Whether families use the time for a road trip, a few extra hours of sleep, or just a night around the dinner table, the spirit of the week is the same: rest, reconnect, and recharge.

HOST AN IRIS EXCHANGE STUDENT 2025-26

*DONJETA from KOSOVO*

Age: 16 Sex: Female  
Family: Mom, elder sister (married)  
Languages: Albanian, English  
Career interest: Psychology, Writer, Entrepreneur

**Interests!**  
Writing, Reading, Movies, Coffee Shops, Theater, Basketball, Archery, Bowling, Stargazing, Libraries, Walks  
Wants to try: Cheer, Museums, Camping, Watch Local Sports

**Student Story**  
Donjeta "Dona" says writing is one of her greatest passions, it is how she finds peace and even how she finds herself. She journals daily and is also working on writing a fantasy book. She would likely enjoy exploring writing classes at her IOWA high school. She is excited to try as many new subjects & experiences as possible to make her year in Iowa truly unforgettable.

When thinking about her future, Dona says she would like to study Psychology because she has developed a curiosity about the human brain and our actions. She hopes to always write as a side job or hobby and might also enjoy owning a small business.

Dona would like her Iowa Host Family to know that she is friendly, takes initiative. She used to be upset when things were hard and feel pressured to fit in exactly as the people in her social circles. But she has learned that each struggle she has lived through has led to growth, and that genuine belonging comes from knowing and accepting each other for the person that we are. Dona is ready to use her communication skills to bond with her Host Family and contribute to a happy atmosphere in her family's home.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:  
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## YES Exchange Students

The Iris Center of Iowa is looking for host families for the next group of students coming in August 2025!

IRIS and the YES program are here to help make a smooth transition. This is an amazing opportunity to help an exchange student during their time here!

Visit [iris-center.org/](http://iris-center.org/) or email [info@iris-center.com](mailto:info@iris-center.com) or text "HOST" to 563-505-5956 for more information.  
(Photos: Iowa Resource for International Service)

HOST AN IRIS EXCHANGE STUDENT 2025-26

*ANIR from Morocco*

Age: 16 Sex: Male  
Family: Dad, Mom, 2 younger siblings  
Languages: Arabic, English, French  
Career interest: E-commerce, Entrepreneur

**Interests!**  
Board Games, Video Games, Working Out, Soccer, Bike Riding, the Art of Cooking, Martial Arts, Scouts,  
Wants to Try: Football, School Clubs

**Student Story**  
Anir is a straight A student, active in school sports & cultural clubs, and has his own small e-commerce business as well. Not bad for a 16 year old! He would likely appreciate taking business and coding classes in his Iowa High School as he also is learning to design and edit websites in his free time.

He is the eldest so he helps his family by running errands like fetching groceries, he helps his father learning auto repairs and he helps his mom in the kitchen (learning the Art of Cuisine). He enjoys cooking and often cooks independently as well. He enjoys riding his bike with his friends as they explore their community.

During his exchange year, Anir's goals are to know new friends, learn about daily life in Iowa, and make Morocco known to his host family and host community. He would like to use this year to build a bridge of understanding between Morocco and his host community. He also very much wants to join his High School's football team as he is excited to learn this sport.

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## New teachers at CGD

**ASHLEY KAHLER**  
Middle School P.E. Teacher & Head Girls Basketball Coach

**BRAD KAHLER**  
Activities Director/Middle School & Behavior Specialist

**CARISSA LEE**  
4th Grade Teacher

**ABIGAIL FROMMELT**  
Elementary Music Teacher

**JILL JENSEN**  
High School Level I-III Special Education Teacher

**TAYLOR SALGE**  
3rd Grade Teacher

**LUCAS YOAKAM**  
Middle School Band Teacher

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## 2025 - 2026 CGD Middle School Supply List



### 3-Year-Old Preschool

- Backpack large enough to hold a folder
- (2) Plastic folders (labeled)
- (1) Box of Kleenex
- (1) 4-pack of glue sticks
- (1) 1-inch 3-ring binder
- 10-pack washable markers

### 4-Year-Old Preschool

- Backpack
- (1) Small pencil box (no larger than 6"x8", no handle)
- (2) Sharpened pencils
- (1) 8-pack Crayons (No Jumbo crayons)
- (1) Fiskar scissors (metal blade)
- (4) Glue sticks (NO liquid)
- (1) Plastic 2-pocket folder
- (1) Box of Kleenex
- (4) Thin dry-erase markers
- (1) 3-prong folder

### Pre-Kindergarten

- Backpack
- (1) Box of Kleenex
- (2) Plastic folders
- (1) 10-pack washable markers
- (1) 8-pack Crayons
- (1) 4-pack glue sticks
- (1) 1-inch 3-ring binder
- (4) Black dry-erase markers

### Kindergarten

- (2) Boxes of Kleenex
- (12) Glue sticks
- Large eraser
- (1 pkg) #2 pencils
- (6) Thin black dry-erase markers
- (1) 1-inch 3-ring binder
- (2) 24-pack crayons
- (3) Heavy-duty plastic folders (1 red, 1 blue, 1 green)
- (1) Spiral notebook
- Fiskar scissors (metal)
- Pencil box (no larger than 6"x8", NO zipper)
- (2) 8-pack washable markers
- Backpack
- Headphones (over-the-ear, NO BLUETOOTH, optional)

### First Grade

- Backpack
- Box of 24 crayons
- (6) Glue sticks
- (2) Large boxes of Kleenex
- (12) Sharpened pencils
- (4) Black dry-erase markers
- (1) Spiral notebook
- (2) Large erasers
- Scissors
- Pencil box
- (2) Pocket folders
- (1) 1-inch 3-ring binder
- (1) 8-pack washable markers
- Headphones or earbuds (NO BLUETOOTH, optional)

### Second Grade

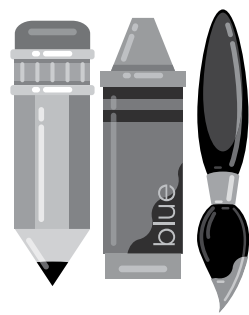
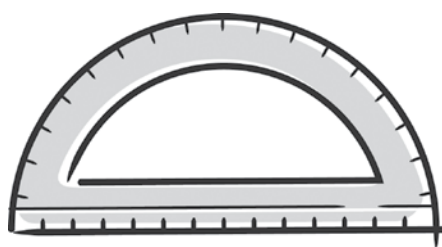
- 3-prong plastic folder (red)
- 1-inch 3-ring binder
- (1) 3-subject notebook
- (2) Pocket folders (any color)
- Zippered supply pouch
- (6) Glue sticks
- (2) Highlighters
- (2 packs) #2 pencils
- Crayola crayons
- (4) Large pink erasers
- Scissors
- (2) Large boxes of tissues
- Headphones or earbuds (NO BLUETOOTH, optional)
- Water bottle

### Third Grade

- (2) 1-inch 3-ring view binders
- (2 packs) #2 pencils
- (1 pack) Colored pencils
- Plastic pencil pouch with a zipper
- (2) Highlighters
- Scissors (sharp point)
- (1) Wide-lined spiral notebook
- (4) Folders with pockets (1 yellow, 1 blue, 2 misc.)
- 3-4 Dry-erase markers
- (2) Large boxes of Kleenex
- (1) Glue stick
- Headphones or earbuds (NO BLUETOOTH, optional)

### Fourth Grade

- (1) Red plastic pocket folder
- (2) Plastic pocket folders (any color)
- (2) Composition notebooks
- (1) Package wide-rule notebook paper
- Zip-pouch pencil case
- (1) 24-count colored pencils or crayons
- (1) 10-count markers
- (2) Glue sticks
- (12) #2 pencils
- (1) Pink wedge eraser
- (1) Red ballpoint pen
- (1) Highlighters pack
- Scissors
- (1) Pack of thick dry-erase markers
- (3) Boxes of Kleenex
- Headphones or earbuds (NO BLUETOOTH, optional)



### 5th Grade

- Wired headphones or earbuds (USB-C preferred)
- Facial tissues (Kleenex, Puffs, etc.)
- Deodorant (NO aerosol cans)
- Accordion folder or Trapper Keeper (12-pocket spiral organizer)
- Pencil pouch/holder
- #2 pencils (enough for the school year)
- Colored pencils
- Colored markers (8-pack or greater)
- Pens (blue or black preferred)
- Pack of Expo markers
- Scissors
- Glue (1 bottle or 2 sticks)
- 1" binder (ELA)
- (1) 2-subject spiral notebook (Math)
- (2) Composition notebooks (Science & ELA)
- (1) 5-subject notebook (ELA)

### 6th Grade

- Wired headphones or earbuds
- Facial tissues
- Deodorant (NO aerosol cans)
- Accordion folder
- Pencil pouch/holder
- Scissors
- #2 pencils (enough for the school year)
- Colored pencils
- Colored markers (8-pack or greater)
- Pens (blue or black preferred)
- Highlighters
- (1) Composition notebook (Science & Social Studies)
- Glue sticks

### 7th Grade

- Wired headphones or earbuds
- Facial tissues
- Deodorant (NO aerosol cans)
- #2 pencils (enough for the school year)
- Colored pencils
- Pens
- Highlighters
- 2" three-ring binder or Trapper Keeper
- (4) Pocket folders (ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies)
- (2) Composition notebooks (ELA & Science)
- (3) Spiral notebooks (ELA, Math, Social Studies)
- (1) Package 3x5" notecards (ELA)

### 8th Grade

- Wired headphones or earbuds
- Facial tissues
- Deodorant (NO aerosol cans)
- #2 pencils (enough for the school year)
- Colored pencils
- Pens
- Highlighters
- 2" three-ring binder or Trapper Keeper
- (4) Pocket folders (ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies)
- (1) Composition notebook (Science)
- (3) Spiral notebooks (ELA, Math, Social Studies)

### TAG Program

- (1) 1" three-ring binder



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## Surplus Technology Sale

The Clarion - Goldfield - Dows Community School District is liquidating some technology related equipment. On **Tuesday, August 5th and Wednesday, August 6th**, we will be selling surplus technology equipment on a public sale that coincides with student registration being held in the High School library. **Tuesday 11:00am until 7:00pm and Wednesday 10:00am until 1:00pm.**

We will be selling a variety of equipment including used iPads of various models and storage capacity, as well as some Mac Mini, iMac, and MacBook Air computers. Additionally there will be a few 5+ year old TV's, 24" Monitors, LED projectors and other miscellaneous items no longer needed by the school district. **These items are sold as-is with no warranty.** You can pay using cash, check or Credit card. We will not reserve items before or after the sale.

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# SPORTS

## CGD Football Schedule for 2025 Season



Huxley Lingenfelter (Photos: Taylor Smith)



Selvin Gonzalez

Taylor Smith,  
Sports Editor

The Iowa High School

Athletic Association has released regular season football schedules for fall of

2025. Clarion-Goldfield-Dows will compete in 1A, District 3 against Garner-Hayfield-Ventura (2-7), Grundy Center (13-0), Eagle Grove (1-8), South Hardin (9-2), and Central Springs (3-5). All-District players are expected to return to the lineup in 2025, including Selvin Gonzalez (RB/DB), Huxley Lingenfelter (TE/LB), Charlie Campbell (RB/DB), and J.D. Morrical (QB/DB).

Four of CGD's 2024

### 2025 Schedule:

- Wk. 1 vs. Belmont-Klemme – Aug. 29
- Wk. 2 at Hampton-Dumont-CAL – Sept. 5
- Wk. 3 vs. Estherville Lincoln Central ( Homecoming) – Sept. 12
- Wk. 4 at Central Springs – Sept. 19
- Wk. 5 vs. Grundy Center – Sept. 26
- Wk. 6 vs. Eagle Grove ( Senior Night) – Oct. 3
- Wk. 7 at South Hardin – Oct. 10
- Wk. 8 at Garner-Hayfield-Ventura – Oct. 17

## Pheasant Populations Expected to Show Increase for 2025 Hunting Season



Pheasant chicks – This year, Iowa pheasant broods began appearing as early as mid-May. (Photos: L.W.)

Lowell Washburn

The days are growing shorter, and Iowa pheasant hunting enthusiasts are already beginning to dream of the upcoming fall seasons. But although no one can yet say for sure, there are some strong indicators that suggest hunters will see an increase in the number of roosters they encounter when this year's Opening Day finally arrives.

The good news began with Iowa's state climatologist reporting that last winter was the fourth least snowy in 138 years of record keeping – a real boon for winter pheasant survival. The abnormally dry winter was followed by normal spring rainfall and favorably warm [average] spring temperatures.

"Given the statewide weather information, we are expecting a good nesting effort and pheasant

populations will likely be higher for the 2025 hunting season," says DNR Upland Wildlife [pheasant] Biologist, Todd Bogenschutz.

In just a couple of weeks, the DNR will begin conducting its annual roadside wildlife surveys. When combined with winter and spring weather data, the surveys are considered to be the most reliable indicator of what hunters can expect when fall seasons begin. This year, wildlife biologists began receiving reports of pheasant hens with broods of chicks as early as mid-May. Iowa's pheasant hatch normally peaks during the last week of May and first half of June. Although heavy July rainfall has recently swept the state, most of those weather events occurred after baby pheasants had hatched and were off the nest.



Pheasant brood – Iowa pheasants enjoyed favorable weather conditions during the 2025 nesting season and biologists are predicting a statewide increase for 2025.

"Whenever we have early nesting years, we typically have the highest number of chicks [per hen], and it certainly looks like 2025 will be an early nesting year. I expect that there will likely be some regional differences, but that we will hopefully see an increase in all survey regions," said Bogenschutz. Enjoy more wildlife tales online at Washburn's Outdoor Journal at [iawildlife.org/blog](http://iawildlife.org/blog)

## DNR Completes July Goose Banding

Lowell Washburn

Biologists with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources have completed statewide July goose banding operations. This year, a total of nearly 4,000 Canada geese were successfully captured and banded, according to Orrin Jones, DNR State Waterfowl Biologist.

Goose roundups are conducted each July when adult geese become flightless due to the summer molt and while goslings are still too young to fly. After collecting demographic information, each goose is fitted with an individually numbered aluminum leg band that the bird will carry for life. The band number of each goose is registered with the Federal Bird Banding Lab in Laurel, Maryland.

"Banding is one of the best sources of information on Canada geese – it allows us to monitor where the birds are captured, where they travel, and where they are recovered [either by a hunter or by the general

public]. Band recoveries provide important estimates for demographic rates, survival rates, and recovery rates. That is really the fine scale information that allows us to best manage the population," said Jones.

Unable to cope with large scale wetland drainage projects and unrestricted hunting, Canada geese disappeared from Iowa in the early 1900s. But as the result of an aggressive, hunter sponsored restoration program, Canada geese have once again become a common nesting species in the state. Today, Iowa hunters annually harvest more than 50,000 Canada geese, giving the species both economic and recreational importance.

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Goose Drive –Wildlife biologists drive a flock of flightless Canada geese into a portable banding corral at Ventura's Lynn Lorenzen boat ramp.



A banded Canada goose loafs at the edge of an Iowa wetland. Band recovery data allows biologists to best manage waterfowl populations.(Photos: L.W.)



DNR Waterfowl Biologist, Orrin Jones bands a young Canada goose. Biologists use leg bands to track goose movements and survival.



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# Hatching Knowledge and Kindness: Wright County 4-H and Clover Kids Make a Difference

This year's Wright County Fair showcased more than ribbons and trophies—it celebrated a growing passion for agriculture, animal science, and community service through the Wright County Chick Hatching Program.

Delivered by Wright County Extension and Outreach, the chick hatching program began in the spring in local classrooms, where students eagerly monitor incubators and learn firsthand about life cycles, poultry care, and Iowa agriculture. This hands-on learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. Many youth carried their excitement and new skills forward by raising broilers—chicks hatched through the program—and proudly exhibiting them at the Wright County Fair.

Among the standout successes was Samantha Seaba, a five-year member of the Liberty Pathfinders 4-H Club, who earned top honors by winning Grand Champion Pen of Three Broilers and Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Three Broilers. Her achievements highlight not only her dedication but also the valuable life skills 4-H instills, from responsibility to confidence and leadership. When reflecting on her experience in the program, Samantha Seaba shared, "Participating in the chick hatching and broiler project taught me valuable skills—from learning how to raise meat birds to understanding the process from hatch to market. What made it especially meaningful was knowing my efforts helped support local families through food pantries while also helping our community better understand how food is raised."

## A New Opportunity for Clover Kids

In a historic first, three Clover Kid participants brought broilers hatched in their own classrooms to exhibit in the brand new Clover Kid Poultry Class. This addition created a unique showcase of early learning and enthusiasm for animal science, providing young exhibitors with a positive, supportive introduction to showing at the fair. It also offered fairgoers a firsthand look at how agriculture education starts young and grows into lasting skills and interests. **Learning, Leading, and Giving Back**

Beyond individual achievements, the Wright County Chick Hatching Program emphasizes giving back. This year, 34 broilers equaling 125 pounds of protein raised through the program was donated to Trinity Lutheran Church in Belmond for their mobile food pantry. Each month, Trinity Lutheran Church in Belmond opens its doors — and its parking lot — to serve as a distribution site for the Mobile Food Bank of Iowa, helping to feed local families in need.

On the fourth Tuesday of every month, a Food Bank of Iowa truck arrives at the church filled with essential groceries, including fresh



L to R Jagger Marker, Lincoln Stumpf, Kruz Marker.



Paige Roberts with Broiler Donations.

produce, meat, bread, and nonperishable items. Trinity Lutheran Church supplements the mobile food truck delivery by purchasing additional items to ensure a well-rounded supply for everyone who comes. On average, the site serves around 80 families each month, offering critical support to neighbors experiencing food insecurity. Donating the broiler to the mobile food pantry is a meaningful contribution that teaches youth the importance of community service and demonstrates how agriculture can serve both educational and humanitarian purposes.

## Building Agricultural Literacy and Future Leaders

Wright County, a top egg-producing region in Iowa, offers an ideal setting for programs that deepen agricultural literacy and connect youth to food systems in personal, impactful ways. Through the chick hatching program, students not only explore science standards such as life cycles, structure and function, and heredity—they build empathy, learn responsibility, and discover the vital role of farmers in feeding communities.

"Watching students transition from caring for chicks in the classroom, to raising and exhibiting broilers at the fair, and then seeing them give back through food donations—that truly captures everything this program is about," said Paige Roberts of Wright County Extension and Outreach. "It's not just

about growing chickens, it's about growing young people who care about their communities, understand where their food comes from, and want to make a difference."

She added, "Wright County 4-H offers so many programs like this to help youth build skills in leadership, communication, and citizenship. Whether they're exploring animal science, robotics, gardening, or community service, they're developing lifelong abilities that will serve them and our county for years to come. This is the kind of impact Wright County Extension and Outreach strives to deliver every day—helping young people learn, lead, and lift up their communities."

## About Wright County Extension and Outreach

Wright County Extension and Outreach is committed to strengthening Iowa communities by connecting youth and adults to research-based education and hands-on experiences in agriculture, STEM, and beyond. Programs like the chick hatching initiative inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders and ensure that the story of Iowa farming continues to thrive.

For more information about participating in the Chick Hatching Program or Wright County 4-H, contact Wright County Extension and Outreach at [xwright@iastate.edu](mailto:xwright@iastate.edu)



## Aerial views

Bruce Voigts, Aerial Photographer (Photos taken July 22, 2025)



Close to 4" of rain fell 4 days ago on early Saturday morning July 19, 2025. These aerial photos approximately 4 days later show the aftermath is still evident from this rain event. The farm fields, especially south of Clarion, seemed to have the most ponds still in the fields with some ponds showing little progress of drying out.



## Dows Legion



It has been an honor for the Dows Legion to lead the parade for the Rowan, Coulter and Latimer Days. Thanks to the family of Clint Hamilton and Hamilton's Sand Blasting for pulling the float.

# DOWS CORN DAYS August 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, 2025 "A-Maizing"

Everyone entering the park will have to purchase a \$5 button or wrist band. All weekend is for only \$5/person.

**COME AND JOIN US!!!! SEE YOU THERE!!**

WE also need **VOLUNTEERS** for the week of Corn Days: **Volunteers needed for set-up**

Fences, gates, and chairs will be set up, beginning around 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30th. The more help that shows up, the quicker the job will be finished.

**GATE KEEPERS NEEDED**

Help in manning gates during Corn Days is still needed. If you would be able to spare a couple hours to help staff a gate at the Shelter Park, please contact Bev Lange at 641-425-1811.

Help is needed Friday evening and Saturday all day. **'HUSKING OF THE CORN'**

How does all that sweet corn get husked? Come on down to the city building, south of the Bank, on Friday, Aug. 1st, at 4 p.m.,

and you can find out. It's a quick job when they have lots of help. Just show up at City building south of the bank, if you can help.

**DOWS FOOD STAND:**

Pies are needed for the Dows Corn Days Food Stand. Bring them to the Presbyterian Church by 1:00 on Friday, August 1st. We need volunteers to help cut pies at the Presbyterian Church at 1:00 Friday. If you cannot have the pies there at that time, please bring them to the food stand.

The Boy Scouts are going to be helping in the food stand all day on Saturday. We still need more volunteers, if you are able to help at the food stand, PLEASE let Lisa Stuck know at 852-4797. THANK YOU!!

**Volunteers needed for tear down**

Help is needed on Sunday, August 3rd, about 8:30 a.m. to take down and roll up fence, take fence post out of ground, pick up garbage, and after the Church service at 11:00 take chairs out of shelter. The more help that shows up, the quicker the job will be finished. We have only had 4 people in the past few

years to do this job and we need more help than that, as we are all getting older!!!

## FUNDRAISER

Remember the Dows Corn Days FUNDRAISER continues with the 2020 Dows History book for \$20, and the 1980 Dows History book reprints for \$15. These are available for purchase at the Dows City Hall, Muhlenbruch Ins., and Dows Mercantile. They can also be ordered through Shannon's website—[www.buckscards.com](http://www.buckscards.com). There will be a shipping charge through this.

These History books are very interesting and have a lot of information about Dows in them. Encourage you classmates to purchase one.

*The Dows Corn Days committee thanks you in advance.*



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